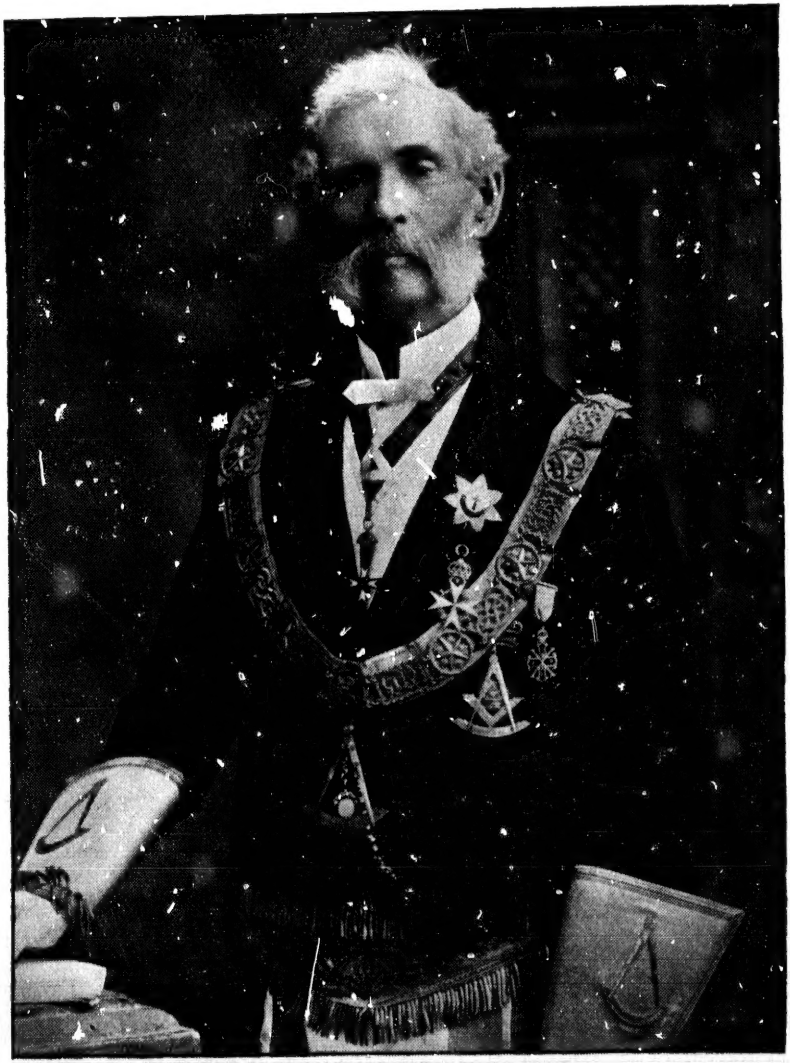

M. W. BRO. JAS. MOFFAT, P.G.M.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

—OF—

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 20, G.R.C.

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

FROM ITS INCEPTION AS 209, I. R., IN 1841 TO 1854—
FIFTY-THREE YEARS.

ILLUSTRATED.

A HISTORY OF MASONRY IN THIS WESTERN PENINSULA,
AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE
OF CANADA;

COMPLETE LIST OF OFFICERS;

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS AT PRESENT DATE;

TO WHICH IS ADDED

BY-LAWS OF LODGE.

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ERRATA.

On the title page of this work, the name of P. M. Bro. James Dunn has been inadvertently omitted from the By-laws and Revision Committee.

On page 16, at lines 14 and 15, read: "He was a member of 20 until demitted, Feb. 10th, 1863, and for years afterwards was an unaffiliated Mason.", instead of the present reading.

Cummings, Alfred.....Feb. 8, 1876.
Cox, A. S.....Dec. 14, 1880.
Clark, Thos.....June 13, 1882.
Clampitt, B. G.....April 8, 1884.
Campbell, Geo.....March 24, 1890.
Cleghorn, A. T.....June 10, 1890.
Cleghorn, A. M.....June 14, 1892.

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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS

—OF—

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 20, G.R.C.

DECEMBER 31st, 1893,

Also the date of their entrance.

INITIATED.

Aitken, John.....May 11, 1886.

Blackwell, D. W.....April 11, 1882.
Brown, Matthew.....April 13, 1886.
Brockest, John.....Sept. 13, 1892.
Brown, Thos.....Aug. 9, 1892.
Brown, J. Cartner.....Oct. 11, 1892.
Bayley, Rd. Alex.....May 9, 1893.
Black, Robert.....Nov. 14, 1893.

Clare, J. K, *Life*.....Jan. 10, 1860.
Cummings, Alfred.....Feb. 8, 1876.
Cox, A. S.....Dec. 14, 1880.
Clark, Thos.....June 13, 1882.
Clampitt, B. G.....April 8, 1884.
Campbell, Geo.....March 24, 1890.
Cleghorn, A. T.....June 10, 1890.
Cleghorn, A. M.....June 14, 1892.

Dawson, M. D.....March 11, 1862.
Dawson, R. J. C., *Life* .....June 11, 1867.
Dreaney, H.....March 12, 1872.
Dunn, James.....Nov. 12, 1878.
Duguid, Peter.....Nov. 14, 1882.

Elliott, Geo.....May 10, 1881.
Edmunds, P. J.....Aug. 9, 1881.
Elson, Richard.....April 11, 1882.
Edwards, Thos. W.....Feb. 9, 1892.

Friendship, Thos., *Life* .....May 11, 1869.
Flyn, Thos.....May 13, 1879.
Footitt, John.....Oct. 12, 1880.
Fairgrieve, John.....Jan. 10, 1882.
Ford, H. Thos.....Oct 14, 1884.
Findley, Alex.....May 14, 1889.
Fairbairn, James.....April 22, 1890.
Farmer, Chas. Henry.....May 9, 1893.

Glass, Graham, *Life* .....May 9, 1865.
Greer, A. B., *Life* .....Dec. 13, 1873.
Grant, Jas., *Life* .....Jan. 13, 1874.
Granger, Ed., *Life* .....May 12 1874.
Geary, Robt.....Feb. 8, 1876.
Garratt, Josh.....Oct. 14, 1879.
Grenfell, E. H.....July 12, 1881.

Greenwood, Wm., *Life* ..... Oct. 10, 1892.
Gray, Thos ..... March 12, 1889.
Guillemont, Oscar ..... May 14, 1889.

Hobbs, Wm. R., *Life* ..... July 12, 1870.
Horner, Wm., *Life* ..... Sept. 13, 1870.
Hannah, D. C. ..... July 14, 1874.
Hook, Jos ..... April 10, 1877.
Hourd, A. E ..... March 9, 1880.
Hicks, Jas. B ..... Nov. 8, 1881.
Herrick, Jas. H ..... Feb. 14, 1882.
Hennessy Robt. Jno ..... May 12, 1885.
Hunter, John Woods ..... May 12, 1885.
Harding, Fred ..... Feb. 14, 1888.
Hunter, Chas. Hill ..... Sept. 10, 1889.
Harding, John J ..... Nov. 11, 1890.
Hallam, Thos ..... March 14, 1893.

Johnston, Jos ..... Feb. 10, 1874.
Jones, Henry ..... July 8, 1879.
Jennings, John B ..... Aug. 13, 1889.
Jones, John ..... March 24, 1890.

Kollmeyer, Wm., *Life* ..... Jan. 12, 1869.
Kifner, H. L., *Life* ..... March 8, 1870.

Lovell, John ..... March 13, 1883.
Luney, Jas. S ..... June 10, 1890.

Macklin, Henry.....March 11, 1879.
Murray, Scott.....May 14, 1878.
Mortimer, Geo.....June 22, 1880.
Marshall, Jos. H.....Oct. 12, 1880.
Murray, Alex.....April 12, 1881.
Melbourne, A. K.....Sept. 13, 1887.
Magee, J. J.....Nov. 8, 1859.
McMillan, Donald, *Life*.....Feb. 15, 1871.
McFadden, Alf.....May 13, 1879.
McRoberts, E. J.....Nov. 8, 1881.
McKee, Robt. Jas.....June 10, 1884.
McDonald, John.....July 13, 1886.
McCombes, Wm.....Jan. 14, 1890.
McWells, Robert J.....March 8, 1892.

Nugent, Martin.....Jan. 13, 1891

Orr, Robt., *Life*.....March 26, 1867.

Phillips, John.....Nov. 13, 1866.
Perkin, Jas.....July 13, 1869.
Percival, Jos.....July 24, 1883.
Parkinson, Thos. A.....March 24, 1890.

Robertson, John.....Jan. 10, 1888.
Riddle, Geo.....July 8, 1890.
Robb, Wm.....July 14, 1891.
Rice, Jas. P.....April 9, 1892.

Routledge, W. W. ..... Nov. 22, 1892.
Routledge, Thos. W ..... April 1, 1893.

Sadler, Robt, *Life* ..... Sept. 21, 1858.
Smith, Robt. R., *Life* ..... Aug. 9, 1864.
Stiles, Thos., *Life* ..... March 10, 1868.
Somerville, Jno. A., *Life* ..... June 13, 1871.
Sutherland, D. F., *Life* ..... March 13, 1866.
Sussex, John ..... Feb. 9, 1880.
Shaw, Geo ..... June 8, 1880.
Swayze, Arnold ..... March 10, 1890.
Shaw, James S ..... Jan. 12, 1892.

Tanton, John ..... July 9, 1878.
Tambling, Geo ..... Feb. 24, 1880.
Taylor, John ..... May 10, 1881.
Tait, Alex. M ..... Feb. 14, 1882.
Thornton, Wm. B ..... Oct. 12, 1886.
Treleaven, Thos. A ..... April 9, 1889.
Tune, W. A ..... Jan. 12, 1892.
Tancock, Jas. A ..... Aug. 8, 1893.

Wallace, Robt., *Life* ..... Nov. 12, 1867.
Winnett, Ed ..... Nov. 9, 1869.
Wright, John, *Life* ..... July 12, 1870.
Wilson, Jas. H ..... Jan. 12, 1875.
Wigmore, W. H ..... July 15, 1877.

Wyatt, Wm.....Oct. 9, 1877.
Whetter, Rd.....July 9, 1878.
Watson, John G.....Feb. 9, 1886.
Walker, Wm.....Oct. 11, 1892.
Wright, Wm. J.....March 14, 1893.

AFFILIATED.

Boswell, Thos.....Dec. 13, 1887.

Campbell, Charles B.....Feb. 14, 1893.

Graves, John.....June 10, 1890.

Hawkins, Jacob.....July 11, 1871.
Horseman, Henry.....March 8, 1887.
Hiscott, Wm. E.....March 11, 1890.

King, E. N.....Jan. 13, 1891.

Levett, Saml.....July 14, 1891.

Moffat, James, *Honorary*.....June 12, 1849.
McRae, Chris.....Nov. 9, 1875.
McMartin, Jas.....Feb. 10, 1880.
McLean, Frank.....Nov. 21, 1891.
McLean, Alex.....Sept. 13, 1892.

Oke, Wm. H.....Aug. 14, 1888,

Peace, Jas. D.....Dec. 11, 1883.
Padfield, Alf.....Jan. 12, 1886.

Smith, John.....March 4, 1882.
Smart, John, *Honorary*.....Nov. 9, 1858.
Sharman, John D. *Life*.....Feb. 13, 1858.

Tennent, James H.....Feb. 8, 1876.
Tripp, Wm.....Nov. 11, 1890.
Tindale, Thos. Holden.....Sept. 13, 1892.

Walker, Wm.....Dec. 8, 1874.
Weir, Robt.....Aug. 12, 1884.

LIST OF

St. John's Lodge 209, St. John's Lodge

A CONTINUOUS AND UNBROKEN

Yr.	W. M	Sen. War.	Jun. War.	Chaplain.	Treasurer.
1842	Sam'l Peters....	Jer. H. Joyce ..	Wm. Gunn.....	.....	A. S. Armstrong
1843	Sam'l Peters....	Jer. H. Joyce ..	Wm. Gunn.....	.....	A. S. Armstrong
1844	Hugh Falconer.	John McDowell.	Wm. Lee.....	Wilson Mills....	John Brown ....
1845	Joshua Putnam.	John Norval....	R. Richardson..	.....	John Brown....
1846	Hugh Falconer.	H. G. A. Allen .	John Gray	.....	A. S. Abbott....
1847	Hugh Falconer.	H. G. A. Allen .	John Gray.....	.....	A. S. Abbott....
1848	A. S. Abbott....	Robt. Abernethy	Don. McKenzie.	.....	Wm. Gordon....
1849	James Daniell ..	Don. McKenzie.	Wm. Moore	Mathew McGill.	Wm. Gordon ...
1850	C. B. Hewitt...	Wm. Moore	Thos. Francis...	Mathew McGill.	Wm. Gordon....
1851	James Daniell ..	D. J. Hughes...	Jas. M. Bennett	Mathew McGill.	E. W. Hyman..
1851	Wm. Moore	Thos. Francis...	J. F. Rolfe.....	M. McGill.....	E. W. Hyman..
1852	J. M. Bennett ..	J. F. Rolfe.....	E. W. Hyman..	Jas. Daniell	A. C. Stone.....
1852	J. F. Rolfe.....	E. W. Hyman..	Wm. J. Harper.	Mathew McGill.	Thos. Allen.....
1853	James Daniell ..	Wm. J. Harper.	S. P. Ayers.....	M. McGill.....	Thos. Allen.....
1853	James Daniell ..	S. P. Ayers.....	G. W. Harper..	M. McGill.....	Thos. Allen.....
1854	James Daniell ..	M. Burgess.....	Jas. Moffat.....	.....	Thos. Allen.....
1854	James Daniell ..	Jas. Moffat.....	John Christie...	.....	Thos. Allen.....
1855	S. P. Ayers	Jas. Moffat.....	Jno.I. McKenzie	.....	Thos. Allen.....
1856	James Moffat...	Jno.I. McKenzie	Wm. Daniell ...	.....	Thos. Allen.....
1857	James Moffat...	Jno.I. McKenzie	Wm. Daniell....	.....	Thes. Allen.....
1858	Thos. Francis...	Ed. Garrett.....	Edw. Heathfield	.....	Thos. Allen.....
1859	Edw. Heathfield	Thos. T. Irving.	Jno. Keary.....	Thos. Francis...	Wm. Gordon....
1860	Edw. Heathfield	Thos. T. Irving.	Jno. Barry.....	.....	Wm. Gordon....
1861	T. T. Irving....	John Barry.....	R. Booth.....	H. Hunter	Ed. Glackmeyer.
1862	Wm. Daniell....	R. Booth.....	J. K. Clare.....	Jas. Ferguson ..	Ed. Glackmeyer.
1863	Jno.I. McKenzie	J. K. Clare.....	Jas Robertson..	Geo. Jackson....	Ed. Glackmeyer.

OFFICERS

No. 14, and St. John's Lodge No. 20.

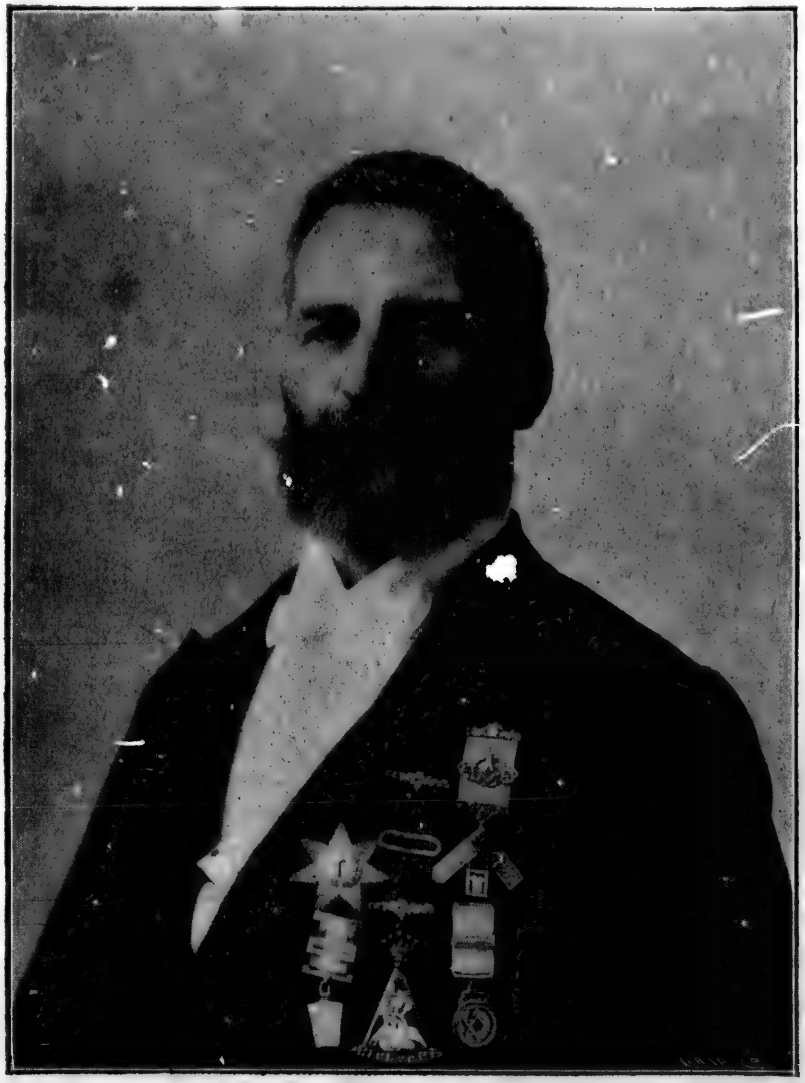
RECORD FOR FIFTY-THREE YEARS.

Yr.	Secretary.	Sen. Deacon.	Jr. Deacon.	Inner Guard.	Tyler.
1842	Jas. Farley.....	Geo. Code.....	Fred. Cleverly..	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1873	John Norval....	Geo Code.....	Fred. Cleverly	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1844	Alex. Gordon...	David Coombs..	Jas. Gaudy....	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1845	Thos. Gidley....	David Coombs..	E. U. Sayers....	.....	Wm. V. Griffiths
1846	Dun. McKenzie.	E. U. Sayers...	S. T. Probett...	D. O'Reilly	Jacob LeClear.
1847	Dun. McKenzie.	E. U. Sayers...	S. T. Probett...	D. O'Reilly	Jacob LeClear.
1848	Thos. Gidley....	.....	.....	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1849	Thos. Gidley....	Wm. Till.....	Thos. Francis...	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1850	A. S. Abbott....	G. W. Harper..	John Nelles	Jas. Moffat.....	Jacob LeClear.
1851	A. S. Abbott....	Dan. Lester	A. G. Smyth....	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1851	A. S. Abbott....	J. M. Bennett ..	R. J. Evans....	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1853	A. S. Abbott	M. Burgess.....	W. J. Harper...	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1852	A. S. Abbott....	Jas. Moffat.....	D. Lester.....	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1853	A. S. Abbott....	G. W. Harper...	Thos Scatcherd.	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1853	A. S. Abbott....	P. Wyckoff. ...	W. B. Leather..	John Christie...	Jacob LeClear.
1854	A. S. Abbott....	Jno. Christie....	W. B. Leather .	.....	Jacob LeClear.
1854	A. S. Abbott....	S. P. Ayers.....	John Siddons...	.....	T. F. McMullen.
1855	A. S. Abbott....	T. McDonogh..	Jno. W. Kerr ..	John Christie...	Jno. Keary.
1856	Dun. M. Askin..	T. F. McMullen	Ed. Garrett....	.....	Donald Fraser.
1857	A. S. Abbott....	Ed. Garrett.....	H. Hunter.....	T. H. Buckley..	T. F. McMullen.
1858	A. S. Abbott....	Jno. Keary.....	Rd. Irwin.....	W. C. L. Gill...	T. F. McMullen.
1859	A. S Abbott....	Jno. Barry.....	Rd. Irwin.....	Jas. Ferguson...	T. F. McMullen.
1860	Jno. D. Sharman	Rd. Booth.....	Geo. A. Oxnard.	P. Cumerford...	T. F. McMullen.
1861	Jno. D. Sharman	Geo. A. Oxnard.	P. Cumerford ..	Jas. Robertson..	T. F. McMullen.
1862	Jno. D Sharman	P. Cumerford ..	A. Wallace.....	.....	T. F. McMullen.
1863	M. D. Dawson..	P. Cumerford...	A. Wallace.....	R. Fleetam.....	T. F. McMullen.

Yr.	W. M.	Sen. War.	Jun. War.	Chaplain.	Treasurer.
1864	Jno.I. McKenzie	J. K. Clare.....	Jas. Robertson..	Thos. Holland..	Jno. Smart.. ...
1865	J. K. Clare	Jas. Robertson..	A. Wallace.....	.....	Jno. Smart.....
1866	J. K. Clare.....	R. Booth.....	A. Wallace.....	.....	Jno. Smart.....
1867	Rd. Booth.....	A. Wallace	G. Glass.....	.....	Jno. Smart.....
1868	Jas. Moffat.....	G. Glass.....	M. D. Dawson..	.....	Jno. Smart.....
1869	G. Glass.....	M. D. Dawson..	Wm. McBride..	R. J. C. Dawson	Jno. Smart.....
1870	M. D. Dawson..	Wm. McBride..	R. J. C. Dawson	Hy. Beltz	Jno. Smart. ....
1871	Wm. McBride..	Robert Wallace.	Jas. Lindsay....	Geo. Moorhead.	Jno. Smart.....
1872	Robert Wallace.	James Lindsay..	Wm. Kollmeyer.	Rd. Booth.. ..	Jno. Smart.....
1873	Wm. Kollmeyer.	Richard Luxton	F. H. Mitchell..	J. K. Clare.....	Jno. Smart.....
1874	Richard Luxton	H. L. Kifner ...	Jno. Wright....	Rd. Booth.... .	Jno. Smart.....
1875	H. L. Kifner ...	John Wright....	A. B. Greer.....	Rd. Booth.....	Jno. Smart.....
1876	John Wright....	A. B. Greer.....	Henry Dreaney.	A. W. Brown...	Jno. Smart .....
1877	A. B. Greer	Henry Dreaney.	Levi Hale.....	John Sharman..	Jno. Smart.....
1878	Henry Dreaney.	Levi Hale	F. H. Mitchell..	John Sharman..	Jno. Smart.....
1879	Levi Hale.....	F. H. Mitchell..	Wm. McCadden	R. F. Dixon....	Jno. Smart.....
1880	F. H. Mitchell..	W . McCadden	T. G. Lowe	.....	Jno. Smart.....
1881	Wm McCadden	T. G. Lowe.....	Robt. Geary ...	P. H. Attwood.	Jno. Smart.....
1882	Robt. Geary....	Jos. Hook.....	Jas. Dunn.....	Thos. Stiles ...	Jno. Smart.....
1883	Joseph Hook...	Jas. Dunn.....	Jas. H. Wilson..	Jos. Johnston...	Geo. Shaw.....
1884	James Dunn....	Jas. H. Wilson .	Wm. H. Cooper.	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1885	Jas. H. Wilson .	Wm. H. Cooper.	Geo. Elliott. ...	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1886	A. B. Greer.....	Geo. Elliott	Jos. H. Marshall	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1887	Geo. Elliott. ...	Jos. H. Marshall	Jno. Fairgrieve.	J. B. Hicks	Geo. Shaw.....
1888	Jos. H. Marshall	Jno. Fairgrieve.	H. T. Ford.....	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1889	Jno. Fairgrieve.	H. T. Ford.....	Jno. Smith.....	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1890	H. T. Ford.....	John Smith.....	Thos. Clark	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1891	H. T. Ford.....	John Smith.....	Thos. Clark	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1892	John Smith.....	Thos. Clark	Jno. Robertson..	J. B. Hicks....	Geo. Shaw.....
1893	Thos. Clark	A. Swayze.....	D. W. Blackwell	J. B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw.....
1894	Jno. Robertson..	A. Swayze.....	D. W. Blackwell	J B. Hicks.....	Geo. Shaw .....

OFFICERS—*(Continued).*

Yr.	Secretary.	Sen. Deacon.	Jr. Deacon.	Inner Guard.	Tyler.
1864	M. D. Dawson..	A. Wallace.....	Jos. Wright	M. McNamara..	T. F. McMullen.
1865	M. D. Dawson..	Jos. Wright.....	Geo. A. Carey..	.....	T. F. McMullen.
1866	M. D. Dawson..	Graham Glass..	Jos. M. Tweedale	Jos. Irvine.....	Geo Nelson.
1867	M. D. Dawson..	Geo. Anderson..	Henry Beltz....	D. F. Sutherland	Jas. Heron.
1868	J. H. Bell.....	Henry Beltz....	D. J. Campbell..	D. F. Sutherland	Jas. Heron.
1869	J. H. Bell.....	Robt. Wallace..	H. J. Brown....	Jas. Taylor.....	Jas. Heron.
1870	J. H. Bell.....	H. J. Brown....	Wm. Kollmeyer	R. Luxton.....	Jas. Heron.
1871	J. H. Bell.....	Wm. Kollmeyer.	R. Luxton.....	John Wright....	Jas. Heron.
1872	M. D. Dawson..	Rd. Luxton.....	John Wright....	A. B. Greer	Jas. Heron.
1873	M. D. Dawson..	John Wright....	A. B. Greer.....	J. W. Kelly	Jas. Heron.
1874	M. D. Dawson..	A. B. Greer.....	J. W. Kelly	Henry Dreaney.	Jas. Heron.
1875	M. D. Dawson..	J. W. Kelly	H. Dreaney....	Levi Hale.....	F. J. Hood.
1876	M. D. Dawson..	Levi Hale.....	T. G. Lowe.....	F. H. Mitchell..	F. J. Hood.
1877	M. D. Dawson..	T. G. Lowe.....	Wm. McCadden	Wm. McMurphy	F. J. Hood.
1878	M. D. Dawson..	Wm. McCadden	Wm. McMurphy	R. Geary.....	F. J. Hood.
1879	M. D. Dawson..	Robt. Geary....	Jos. Hook.....	Jas. H. Wilson .	F. J. Hood.
1880	M. D. Dawson..	Jos. Hook.....	Jas. H. Wilson..	J. F. Brown....	F. J. Hood.
1881	M. D. Dawson..	Jas. H. Wilson..	Jas. F. Brown..	Jas. Dunn.....	F. J. Hood.
1882	M. D. Dawson..	Jas. H. Wilson..	Wm. Cooper...	Geo. Elliott	F. J. Hood.
1883	M. D. Dawson..	Wm. H. Cooper	Geo. Elliott.....	Jos H. Marshall	F. J. Hood.
1884	M. D. Dawson..	Geo. Elliott	Jos. H. Marshall	Jno. Fairgrieve..	F. J. Hood.
1885	M. D. Dawson..	Jos. H. Marshall	Jno. Fairgrieve..	Josh. Garratt...	F. J. Hood.
1886	M. D. Dawson..	John Fairgrieve.	Josh. Garratt...	H. T. Ford.....	F. J. Hood.
1887	M. D. Dawson..	H. T. Ford.....	Jno. Smith.....	Jno. G. Watson.	F. J. Hood.
1888	M. D. Dawson..	Jno. Smith.....	Jno. G. Watson.	Thos. Clark	F. J. Hood.
1889	M. D. Dawson..	Jno. G. Watson.	Thos. Clark	J. Bell-Smith....	F. J. Hood.
1890	M. D. Dawson..	Jno. Robertson..	D. W. Blackwell	Jas. A. Pool....	F. J. Hood.
1891	M. D. Dawson..	Jno. Robertson..	D. W. Blackwell	Jas. A. Pool....	F. J. Hood.
1892	M. D. Dawson..	D. W. Blackwell	Alex. Findlay...	A. Swayze.....	F. J. Hood.
1893	M. D. Dawson..	Alex. Findlay...	John Jones.....	Jas. S. Shaw....	Jno. Robertson.
1894	M. D. Dawson .	Alex. Findlay...	John Jones.....	Jas. S. Shaw....	Wm. McCoomb.



V. W. BRO. M. D. DAWSON, P. M.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20,

THE OLDEST LODGE IN LONDON.

Its History, Trials and Progress, with Important Events during a period of 53 years.

BY V. W. BRO. M. D. DAWSON, SECRETARY.

1841 - 1893.

BY the authority of the Lodge, and with a complete and unbroken record, supplied by the original minutes and early letters in my possession, I will endeavor to trace the history of this Lodge from its Charter under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, numbered 209, to the date when it ceased to work under that Charter, and took out a new Charter, No. 14, under the Grand Lodge of Canada; the important part it took in the formation of the Grand Lodge; also give such information showing how our number was changed from 14 to 20, with other incidents of interest to Masons of to-day that transpired during that long period of time, more especially

to members of St. John's Lodge, No. 20. I hope to avoid any personal reference to another Lodge, 209[a], claiming the same parentage, whose Secretary, in giving what he claims the history of his Lodge, published with the By-laws of 209[a], uses most un-Masonic and unwarrantable language full of misrepresentations, and entirely unsupported by fact. The Secretary himself dates his membership from 1853 with Lodge 209 down to the present time, while the record shows that he himself, on the giving up of the Charter 209, went with the other members to Lodge 14, and subsequently to St. John's Lodge, No. 20. He was a member of 20 until demitted, Feb. and for years afterwards was an unaffiliated Mason. 10th, 1863, A. S. Abbott, Judge James Daniell, Wm. Daniell and Alex. Johnston were demitted from St. John's Lodge, No. 20, the same year. The Secretary of 209[a], in his introduction, invites criticism, and will, therefore, not feel annoyed that attention has been drawn to misrepresentations and misstatements made. It is essential to notice and criticise his record, 1857-1858. He says :—

"We have no records of the transactions of St. John's Lodge from Feb. 8th, 1856, to May 13th, 1859. During this period, ceaseless were the bickerings among the members; one portion being desirous of working under their Irish warrant and the other arraying itself in opposition. A final separation event-

ually occurred, those favor[illegible] warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, [illegible] n's Lodge, No. 14, the number being later [illegible] under which number that Lodge is at prese[illegible] members retained their old Irish warrant, [illegible] under it as St. John's, 209. As the reco[illegible] between the above dates are missing, very lit[illegible] actual progress of 209 at this period."

The reason the records are missing betw[illegible] 8th, 1856, to May 13th, 1859, is for the very goo[illegible] son that there never was a record, except in the imagi[illegible] ation of this most loyal historian, the writer of the foregoing paragraph, nor could not be, for the old Charter was dropped by the order of the entire membership, and the document was locked up in a box in the Lodge room for safe keeping. The loyal members, we are told, retained the old Irish Warrant, but such an important thing as their names is not given. The loyalty of those good men should not have been paraded before posterity, thirty years after the fact, were it not possible to show by the present records of Lodge No. 14 and Lodge No. 20 that they were members of these Lodges, and that their loyalty consisted in being not only disloyal to the Lodges to which they had given their allegiance but grossly dishonest. This history will show no break of three or four years, but a straight and lineal descent, and

no corrupt a[illegible]rs its unbroken record. But if the [illegible]09[a] had been perfectly since[illegible]uld have said:

"[illegible]ds of Lodge 209 from 1857 to 1860, and [illegible]eat unwashed why."

"[illegible] was a broken year, as only four meetings were held, [illegible]860 the Lodge assumed a more workable shape, and, [illegible]thstanding the bitter feeling evinced towards its members [illegible] the other Canadian Lodges, went on progressing."

It is not necessary to notice the libel on the other Canadian Lodges, but it is essential to publish here an original letter written by a worthy Mason, long since gone to the great beyond, as well as the brother to whom it was addressed, and who was well known in the Craft, in whose custody the old Warrant of 209 was placed. It will clearly explain the absence of records from 1857 to 1860.

"London, C. W., 28th March, 1860.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—

"When I gave you the keys of St. John's Lodge room on "Wednesday last, the Lodge chest (the key of which was at-"tached to the Lodge door) contained the working tools, jewels, "aprons, (charity box, containing cash), and, in fact, everything "belonging to the Lodge small enough to be placed in the "chest. You are aware that at the meeting of the Lodge last

"night, the charity box and 24 inch gauge were wanted and "could not be found. I therefore lost no time this morning "making a minute search for them, and not finding them in the "chest where I had placed them I suspected that they had been "removed from the Lodge chest to the Royal Arch chest, the "key of which was in my possession, as Tyler of St. John's "Chapter, but Brother Francis told me he had taken possession "of it as First Principal, and still retains it though not holding "that office now. The key of the Arch chest should be with "me now. I, therefore, broke open the Arch chest this morn-"ing in search of the missing cash box and working tools. I "found in this Arch chest the missing 24 inch gauge, the level, "square and plumb-line, which had been removed from the "Lodge chest and secreted in the Arch chest, the key of which "Bro. Francis illegally detains in his possession, but the cash "box (or more properly speaking the charity box, containing "cash) is nowhere in or about the Lodge, but has been stolen "between the time I gave you the keys and my receiving them "again from Worshipful Bro. Heathfield. I also have to report "that the Old Warrant of the Lodge, when working under the "Grand Lodge of Ireland, was in the Arch chest in my custody "when Bro. Francis took the key, but I find the glass of the "frame now broken and the Warrant taken away without my "knowledge. I therefore lay this matter before you as the "Constitutional Custodian of the working tools and jewels of "St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C."

I remain, dear sir and brother,

THOS. T. IRWIN, THOS. F. McMULLEN,

Sen. Warden St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G.R.C. *Tyler of St. John's Lodge.*

Comment is needless.

After four years the cancelled and buried Charter was resurrected and immediately commenced doing duty. The historian says: "The Initiation Fee was temporarily fixed at $12, while all other Lodges charged $20." Later on he says: "On the 26th of September the Secretary was instructed, by vote of Lodge, to apply to St. John's Lodge, No. 20 for the records of 209, or copies of the same, held in its possession." Imagine the assurance those men had six months after such an infamous conception and illegitimate birth to demand the records, afterwards the jewels, and even permission to meet free in the same hall. But it must be remembered that the very members that prompted those acts under the Charter, brought to life were members in good standing of Lodge 20, and came to their meetings and tried to secure by a majority vote, and by their influence over others, what they knew they had no right to. From that date to the year 1883, chronic appeals were sent in from 209 [a] to 20, asking for jewels, books, furniture, etc. In 1883 they appealed to the Grand Lodge at Ottawa, and the decision then given was that they, 209[a], had no right to either jewels or records, but that St. John's Lodge, No. 20, be respectfully requested to give them a certified copy of their own (20's) records, which they did, hopin that peace and Masonic harmony would follow. A letter of ac-

knowledgment, most courteously worded, was written to the Secretary of Lodge No. 20 at this time, thanking the Lodge for the expense and trouble they had taken in writing up those records which closed as follows :

"Resolved, that we express the hope that in the future nothing will occur between the Saints John to occasion the slightest unpleasantness, but on the contrary, that the brethren of both Lodges may be actuated by the noble tenets of the Order in every good work, fraternal feelings maintained, lasting in character, productive of that unity and friendship, without which little can hope to be attained in spreading the principles of our Order, which has for its guiding star the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, reciprocated that sentiment, but the ink was scarcely dry upon those copied records than the Secretary went to work and produced what he calls "a concise historical sketch of the oldest Lodge in London," taken from those records. If he had followed the text I would not now criticise him, but he has failed most ignominiously, omitting many important details, and actually, in some places, distorting, misrepresenting, and even falsifying. A boom was worked up for his Lodge by the publishing what was called a *Special Permit for Work* printed on the fly leaf, and an immense amount of capital was worked up by the aid of the lodge

column of the *London Free Press*, the editor of which was a young and prominent member of 209[a]. This brother was the same man who had moved the complimentary resolution of thanks to St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and its Secretary, a portion of which has been just quoted. The outside public were invited to join the only Irish Lodge in the west with the only legal permit to do that work. This continual booming was so persistent and became so obnoxious that St. John's Lodge, No. 20, took exception to it, and were compelled in 1887 to make an appeal to the Grand Lodge for protection. It was brought to the attention of Grand Lodge by our representatives of that year in the shape of a memorial, and the most Worshipful, the Grand Master, elected for the coming year, was instructed, by resolution of Grand Lodge, to examine the records and make his report at the succeeding session. Being a distinguished Q. C., with a trained judicial mind, eminently capable of taking evidence, he came to London and examined witnesses on both sides in the library of the Masonic Temple, and after an exhaustive session and a thorough examination of the entire records of the old Lodge, made one of the most comprehensive and complete reports that was ever presented to Grand Lodge. It was unanimously adopted and has become a matter of history. The Memorial, or as much of it as will be of interest to the

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reader, is given in another place in this book with the full text of M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson's decision, and will be found worthy of being carefully read.

This introduction has given a running sketch over a long period of time in as few words as possible, so as to make it of interest to the reader, and to establish for all time the legitimacy of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, as the oldest Lodge in London; and if there is anything in its ancient Irish history worth boasting about, or its permission to work the Irish ritual, it is fully entitled to it, and it will not claim it at the expense of any other Lodge.

I will note incidents of interest transpiring from the formation of the Lodge, taking it in periods of ten years, giving names of officers and important individuals.

1841 - 1850.

A WARRANT to St. John's Lodge, 209, was issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, bearing date the 4th of October, 1841, but owing to delay not explained, was not received that year. Thos. Dillon, of Lodge 83, D.D.G.M., living in Toronto, was evidently in possession of the warrant, as, on the 11th day of January, 1842, he issued the following through Alex. Barber, the W. M. of Lodge No. 83.

DISPENSATION.

"Agreeable to a letter received from the Grand "Lodge of Ireland, dated the 4th day of October, "1841, acquainting us that a Warrant had been trans-"mitted from the said Lodge to form a new Lodge "209 in London, P. C. You are therefore directed "to form yourselves into a body for the purpose of "instructing yourselves in Masonry previous to receiv-"ing the Warrant. You are clearly to understand "that you are installed under your Warrant, No. 209, "that you are not to craft or raise any one to the "degree of a Master Mason."

Resolutions were adopted and recorded as to furniture and jewels. The day appointed as the regular meeting for the transaction of general business was the second Tuesday in every month, which date has been observed through all the trials and changes which the Lodge has passed to the present date. A notice was ordered issued for a meeting of the Craft at Bro. Balkwill's Inn, on the second Tuesday in September, for important business, said notice being published in the *Inquirer*.

On the 5th September, 1842, Thos. Dillon, P. M. & D. G. M., wrote Saml. Peters, the W. M. elect of 209:

"I have received the Warrant 209, so long looked for, with "the new Book of Constitutions, in which you will find all in-"struction necessary. I will forward the Warrant as soon as "possible, together with the Book of Constitutions, one sheet of "accounts, etc., of the different Lodges, one large sheet of "rules and regulations for the government of the Irish Ancient "and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, which "last named sheet you will be pleased to paste on a board, to "be hung up in some conspicuous part of the Lodge room. You "will be pleased to meet and read over the sheet alluded to "previous to going to work, and if any casualty has occurred by "death or any other cause of any brother holding office, you will "elect or appoint another as the case may be. Your office as "Master you will hold from the 27th December ensuing, and "all other officers, the same Brother Peters, be very particular "that you do not allow your Lodge to assemble except you are

"present or a P. M. * * * I have received another letter "directing me to install you in office In consequence of the "distance I am from you, I trust you will accept my proxy, "should I be successful in procuring him. I am requested on "this occasion to represent the Deputy Grand Master by in-"stalling you in office. By the said authority vested in me, I "authorize and request Bro. Geo. Smith, of 396, to represent "the said Deputy Grand Master in form only, that is to say: "when the Grand Master, present, and performs this duty, it "is ample form—his Deputy, due form, and any other Deputy, "form only. Further, you must be installed from the Constitu-"tion which will accompany your Warrant. I would thank "you to write by return of post and let me know if Bro. Smith "will perform the above duty, that I may know how to act if he "should not, which I am convinced the contrary. You are "authorized to form your Lodge, when your P. M. will read "your charge to you, and at your assent he will deliver your "jewel to you, when you will install the remainder of your "officers There are four certificates to accompany the War-"rant, viz.: your own, Bros. Joyce, Code and Finley. You will "acquaint Bro. Farley and O'Neil that they are registered in "the Grand Lodge books. You will have their certificates I "expect before the navigation is closed."

In reply, the Secretary elect, Bro. Jas. Farley says:

"I am directed by the W.M. of St. John's Lodge, No. 209, "to acknowledge the receipt of your very gratifying and truly "fraternal letter of the 5th inst., at the same time to assure you "he lost no time in calling on Bro. Smith, of Lodge No 396, "in order to make known your request. He says he will, if "better cannot be done, accede to your wish, but felt a great

"delicacy in so doing. He is afraid it may cause some jealousy. I am ordered to assure you, my dear brother, that not "anything would give the members and office bearers of this "Lodge more pleasure than to be installed by yourself personally, and to receive from your hands that Warrant, which you, "sir, have been instrumental in obtaining. I am further authorized to state that the brethren of this Lodge will pay all your "expenses, and feel themselves under a lasting obligation "to you."

Upon receipt of the above letter, Thos. Dillon decided to come, and fixed the 2nd October as the date of his arrival, instructing the W. M. to have any candidates ready for the 3rd degree. At that time the trip from Toronto to London was a long journey.

A special meeting was held at Bro. Balkwill's Inn, opposite the Market Square, for the installation of officers under the new Warrant by the D. G. M., Thos. Dillon. The following were the first officers: Saml. Peters, W. M.; Jeremiah H. Joyce, S. W.; Wm. Green, J. W.; Alex. Scott Armstrong, Treasurer, and James Farley, Secretary. Four candidates received the first degree, and the Lodge was ordered closed until the second Tuesday in October, at 7 o'clock p. m. On the 27th day of December, 1842, the same officers were installed, with the exception of the Secretary, John Norval being installed Secretary. It was customary in those days to enact fines and to enforce

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their payment. The following fines were recorded as paid to the Treasurer at one meeting :—

Bro. Norval, for being 2 minutes late, ...	6d.
" Gunn, " 11 "	6d.
" Farley and Baker, 6d. each	1/0
" Askin and McDowal, 6d. each	1/0
" Gunn, for addressing the W. M. disrespectfully	2d.
" Gunn, further disrespect	2d.
" Till, for absence	6d.
" Cleverly, for going out of Lodge as D. D. and not leaving a substitute	2d.
" Treasurer Armstrong, for same offence	2d.
" Abernethy and Coombs paid 1d. each to orphan box by interrupting Lodge by unnecessary talking	2d.
	4/4d.

Officers got 5 minutes grace after time set for opening and members 15 minutes, under a penalty at the discretion of the Lodge.

There were ten meetings held from Oct. 1st to Dec. 27th, inclusive.

In 1843, sixteen meetings were held, and a number of new members admitted at the January meeting.

Fines were imposed on Bros. Gunn, John Balkwill, N. Baker, Abernethy, Cameron, Wm. Lee, John Lee and James Farley for being late.

In February some discussion took place as to the propriety of obtaining a fit and proper place to meet

in, when Bro. Dr. Cornish kindly offered to deed to the Lodge for all time a lot 40 feet in length by 60 feet in breadth. This was received by the members with the usual expressions of affectionate esteem. But there the matter dropped, for at no further meeting was it ever alluded to. It certainly was not carried out, or we would be in possession of the property to-day. It was customary for the W. M., Sen. War., Jr. War., and Secretary to sign the minutes of each meeting, but it was very irregularly carried out, and many of them are without any signature.

At the meeting on June 13th, a committee was appointed to wait upon the Rev. Benj. Cronyn, with the request that he deliver an address on St. John's Day. A motion to have a ball was defeated and a dinner was decided upon, and Lt.-Col. Everard was waited upon for the use of the band. The dinner, no doubt, was held, but whether Mr. Cronyn gave them an address or not does not appear in the original record. In fact, no record was entered from St. John's Day, 24th June, until the 11th October, but, instead, there is a blank of seven or eight leaves of the book. Upon opening the Lodge on October 11th, a resolution was adopted, instructing the Secretary to engross the minutes in the body of the Lodge Room. So that it is very evident it was the habit then, as is now too often the case, of taking minutes upon a slip of

paper. The minutes were evidently lost from June to October. At the last meeting of the year, a vote of thanks was given to the W. M., Bro. Samuel Peters, for his able conduct and impartiality while presiding officer. Resolutions of thanks to the ex-Secretary and Treasurer did not prevail, as the former officer had evidently left the limits and his books were not properly adjusted. This certainly accounts for the break in the minutes. There were, however, seventeen meetings recorded, and the last resolution of the year was the appointment of a committee to audit the books, consisting of the W. M., Sen. and Jun. Wardens for the past year, and the office-bearers for the coming year, and Bros. Farley and Till. A startling committee!

1844 was a very important year. Thirty-two meetings were held, and a large number of members admitted and degrees conferred. They had good officers and a very efficient Secretary, and consequently we have a plain, well-written record. The minutes are all signed by the proper officers, but the work was so laborious that one year appeared to satisfy the ambition of the Brother, as he evidently refused re-election the succeeding year. The officers were: Hugh Falconer, W. M.; John McDowell, S. W.; Wm. B. Lee, J. W.; Alex. Gordon, Secretary; John Brown, Treasurer, and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler.

In the early part of the year, Bro. Hammill died, leaving his family with very little provision for the future, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Father O'Dwyer, the Catholic pastor here, informing him that a committee had been appointed to meet him and make a final arrangement as to the disposal of the children, and with Mrs. Hammill as to the sale of the late Brother's jewels. The Priest returned a very christian-like reply, stating "that Mr. Harding O'Brien would take the boy and bring him up as his own; Peter McCann, the eldest girl; and another offered to take a third, but I will see if he has means to bring her up properly." In conclusion, he adds: "I have read your letter in my church for the edification of my congregation, for it is worthy of being read in churches. I sincerely wish that all denominations of Christians would do in like manner. Wishing you and the members of your charitable Society many happy New Years." The jewels were brought into the Lodge and sold for the benefit of the widow.

On the 21st March, the late Major James Rivers, of Her Majesty's 91st Reg't, was interred with Masonic honors. The Drums and Fifes of the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusiliers being present, headed the funeral procession. The remains were interred in St. Paul's Churchyard, Rev. Benj. Cronyn, *the late Bishop*, officiating.

At the request of the Rev. Benj. Cronyn, the Lodge laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church on the 24th June (St. John's Day), with Masonic honors. Bro. Wm. Niles marshalled the procession, first to the Court House, where Divine Service was held, and then to the site where the ceremony was conducted. The record does not say who performed the ceremony, but no doubt it was the acting W. M., Samuel Peters, the Master of the Lodge being in England. A dinner was given at 6 o'clock in the Mechanics' Institute. Trouble of a serious nature arose between Bro. John Norval and Bros. Joyc eand Armstrong. It culminated in charges and counter charges being preferred. The historian previously referred to passes this over with a very severe reflection upon Bro. Norval, by stating "that he refused to join in honoring the toast of Her Majesty," and follows it up by saying "that at the next meeting a charge was preferred against the brother for want of loyalty, and he received a severe reprimand from the Lodge."

The records do not justify such an unfair statement against the reputation of a Brother who had been honored by the Lodge with an important office, and on the following year was elected Senior Warden. On the contrary, Bro. Norval charged Bros. Joyce and Armstrong with stirring up dissension at the dinner, and subsequently spreading false reports calculated

to injure him as a man and a Mason. The specification of one was that he (Norval) had refused to drink the health of "Her Majesty the Queen" and the "Army and Navy" at St. John's dinner. It is true that a reprimand was given to Bro. Norval, but the record does not say what for, but both Bros. Joyce and Armstrong were suspended for their unwarrantable attack upon Bro. Norval. At a subsequent meeting, held on the 13th August, the following resolution was adopted, which must have been overlooked by the historian, or he would not have gratuitously besmirched the reputation of an old and prominent citizen:

"That the Secretary shall put into the *London Inquirer* and *St. Thomas Standard* a notice that Bro. Norval has been exonerated by this Lodge of the charges brought against him in regard to his conduct at the Masonic Festival Dinner, on the 24th June last," and further, "that Bro. Armstrong's petition cannot be received, as he has shown an inclination to keep up the bad feeling by subsequently signing a letter with Bro. Joyce against Bro. Norval."

Before the close of the year the disagreeing Brothers were reconciled, and the suspended Brothers were again restored.

Bro. Capt. Thompson Wilson made an offer of a deed of a lot, for the purpose of a Masonic Hall, 30 feet x 100 feet, on Talbot Street, but, like offers

was celebrated by the Brethren attending Church in a body, headed by the band of Her Majesty's 81st Regiment, and hearing a sermon in the new Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Benj. Cronyn.

An effort was made by Bro. A. S. Abbott to change the By-law so as to make the election of officers semi-annually in place of annually, but failed.

On Saturday, the 4th of October, a deputation went to Goderich and installed the members of Goderich Union Lodge, No. 720, under the Grand Lodge of England. Thomas Murch Jones was the first presiding officer.

The remains of Bros. William Gunn, Fred. Cleverly and Bro. Cole were borne to the grave, and interred with Masonic honors, during the year; the band of the 23rd Regiment gave their services in each case. The following new members were added: James Young, S. T. Probett, William O'Reilly, Robt. Mack, Donald McKenzie, William Gain, Robert Norman Moore, William Burn, Thomas B. Robb, William Poile and James Daniell.

At the first regular meeting in 1846, the Tyler, Bro. Le Clear, was suspended from office for intoxication and neglect of duty, and reinstated the following meeting, which was an Emergency, and looks somewhat irregular. The officers were: Hugh Falconer, W. M.; J. Allen, Sr. War.; John Gray, Jr. War.;

A. S. Abbott, Treasurer; Duncan McKenzie, Sec.; and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler.

The Lodge continued to look carefully after the orphans of the late Bro. Hammill, and as they had found one of the children sick and improperly clothed, and compelled to work hard, he was removed to more comfortable quarters by order of the Lodge, and placed under the care of a doctor. A Lodge of Instruction was formed for the purpose of educating the members in the unwritten work, and a resolution was adopted prohibiting any candidate from further advancement unless he could go through the entire degree, with the obligation. In the later days those lectures are taught individually, but the same examination is carried out in open Lodge. St. John's Day, 24th June, was, as was the previous custom, celebrated by Divine Worship, and the Brethren marched to church in procession, headed by the band of the 82nd Regiment. At 6 p. m. they had supper at Balkwill's Hotel. More bad blood was developed at this supper, which resulted in charges being preferred at the succeeding Lodge meeting against Duncan McKenzie, J. H. Joyce, and A. S. Armstrong. The former was charged with striking the Tyler, Bro. Le Clear, but, beyond the appointing of a committee to investigate, it never amounted to anything. Bro. Joyce's conduct must

have been considered more serious, as he was expelled, and it was ordered that it be made public in the newspapers. At the following regular meeting, Bro. Armstrong was suspended for 12 months and reported to the Grand Lodge. The nature of their crime does not appear in the minutes — a most surprising oversight. At the annual meeting in December, the following officers were chosen for 1847: John McDowell, W. M.; R. M. Moore, Sen. War.; J. H. Allanson, Jr. War.; John Gray, Treasurer; A. S. Abbott, Secretary; and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler.

Up to June 24th (St. John's Day), nothing worth recording transpired. As usual, the brethren went to church, and a Wesleyan Methodist clergyman of the name of Gibson gave them a very appropriate sermon. The dinner this year passed off harmoniously. In August, letters were received from the Grand Lodge, confirming the expulsion of Bro. Joyce. Officers and members continued to be fined for non-attendance. This Lodge, with other Societies in the city, turned out in procession on Saturday, the 24th October, and celebrated the lifting of the first sod of the Great Western Railway, the first iron road that entered London.

The elected officers for 1848 were: A. S. Abbott, W. M.; Robt. Abernethy, S. W.; Donald McKenzie, J. W.; Thos. Gidley, Sec.; Wm. Gordon, Treas.; and

Jacob Le Clear, Tyler. Reference to the previous history written gives those officers for 1847, which is not correct.

August 27th, the remains of Bro. Peter Gaudy were interred with Masonic honors, the brethren of Mount Moriah Lodge joining in the procession. At the following meeting it was ordered that a tombstone be erected to his memory, and all the expenses of the funeral were paid from the Lodge Funds.

There were fifteen meetings held this year, and quite a number of new members admitted. There is a memo. at the end of the year from the Auditors, signed by A. S. Abbott as chairman, which is quite a curiosity as an auditors' statement. It reports :—

"The Secretary and Treasurer's books were found to be correct, so far as there remains a surplus from the Secretary to the Treasurer unaccounted for by the Secretary, leaving a balance in the Treasurer's hands of £13 17.11 in cash, and due bills from 1847 of £11.8.0½, together with £6.15.8½ deposited in our late Treasurer Bro. J. Geary's acct., making a total of £18.3.9, also due bills for the present year of £6.5.0, making a total of deficiencies of £24.8.9, also a balance of arrears to the end of the present year of £19.11.10½ "

Such a Financial Statement would scarcely be acceptable at the present day.

The following members were admitted from 1844 to end of present year: Patrick Kennedy, J. H. Al-

linson, Thos. Christie, H. A. Denbigh, Wm. Scott, Wm. Moore, Geo. Gowanlock, F. W. Reed, H. G. A. Allan, James Williamson, Thos. Peden, C. B. Hewitt, Thos. Powell, Jno. Ward, Wilson Mills, Jesse Walton, Thos. Francis, Wm. Paterson, Jas. Greenfield, Wm. Hoskin, Saml. Levi, and John Clark. The year was not a stormy one, the only variation being that one of the Brothers called the Tyler "a robber," and an investigation was demanded, which resulted in the Brother being fined 2/6.

1849 opened with James Daniell, W. M.; Donald McKenzie, Sen. War.; Wm. Moore, Jun. War.; Wm. Gordon, Treas.; Thos. Gidley, Sec'y; and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler. In April, P. M. Bro. Sam'l Peters was suspended for non-attendance and non-payment of dues.

It was decided to furnish a room in the Robinson Hall, and £51.10.0 was set apart for that purpose. The first meeting in the new Lodge Room was an "Emergency," held on the 15th May, 1849. St. John's Day falling upon Sunday, Monday was fixed for the celebration, and the corner-stone of the Union School was laid with Masonic honors, Bro. Matthew Magill delivering the oration on the ground set apart for school purposes. Judge Wilson and Simeon Morrill, well-known citizens, also assisted in the cere-

monies, the Drums and Fifes of the 20th Battalion being present.

Bro. A. S. Abbott paid a fine of 2/6 for coming in late the previous meeting. The Tyler and Bro. O'Reilly again got quarreling—the latter calling the the former "a thief" for secreting the monies of the Lodge. A motion was carried, preventing Bro. O'Reilly from again visiting the Lodge until further orders.

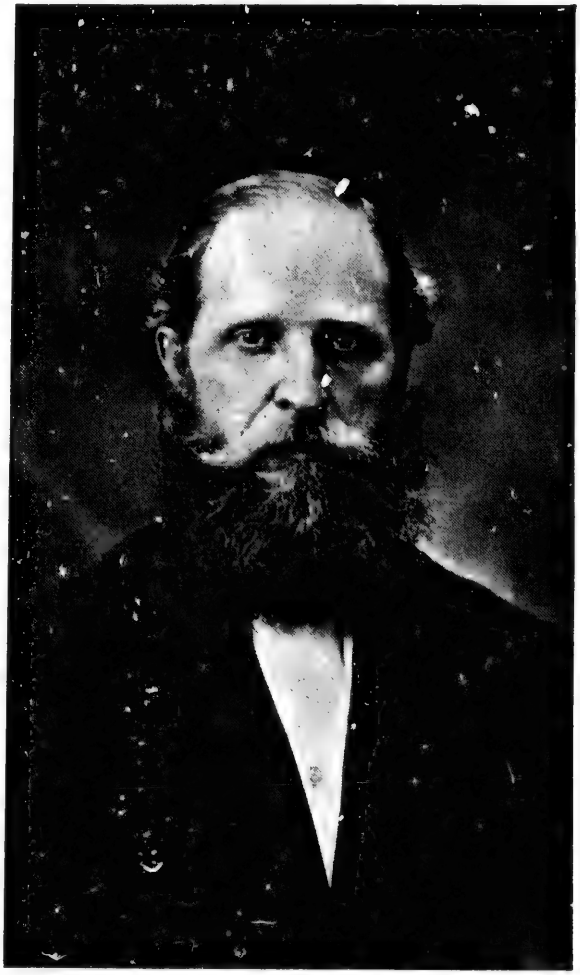
The Bible that now graces the altar of this Lodge was presented by W. Bro. Jas. Daniell, and at the same meeting a likeness of the donor was ordered to be placed with the Bible upon the altar. It contains the following inscription:

"Presented to St. John's Lodge, 209, of London, C. W., by Bro. James Daniell, W. M., as a token of his respect and esteem for the Brethren, trusting that the principles laid down in the most noble of the three great lights of Masonry may always be found to guide and direct the Brethren in the true course they ought as Masons always to pursue.

"London, C. W., November 21st, 1849."

Thirty-two meetings were held, and more members admitted and degrees conferred than in any previous year of our history. St. John the Evangelist's Day was celebrated by a grand ball, which was a success.

If a meeting was called to confer degrees, and the candidates did not come forward, they were compelled



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to pay the expenses of the meeting. This was a good rule, and should be enforced at the present day.

The following members were received during the year, viz.: Geo. W. Harper, Peter Schram, Jos. Robinson, Jas. M. Bennett, John Billingsly, Philo Bennett, Matthew Magill, John Brown, Jos. F. Rolfe, Jas. Moffat, John Fursman, John Nelles, Wm. McKerlie, Thos. Scatcherd, John Matthews, Garratt Stevens, Thos. Haskett, Joel P. Doan, Daniel Lester, Garner Elwood, Ed. Matthews, James Elliott, E. J. Parke, Wm. Niles, Wm. McMullen, Dudley Merrill, J. W. Kerr, Wm. Barker, Daniel Sterling, Alex. Campbell, Simon W. Adams, and S. P. Ayers.

The last year of the first decade (1850) was opened in due form, with the following officers:—Chas. B. Hewitt, W. M.; Wm. Moore, S. W.; Thos. Francis, J. W.; Wm. Gordon, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler. The Secretary, Senior Warden and Junior Warden being absent from a regular meeting, were each fined 1/3, and all other members summoned were fined 7½d.

An Address was presented P. M. Bro. Jas. Daniell, conveying sentiments of esteem and regard for the efficient manner in which he had governed the Lodge during the past year. No Lodge in Canada had had so much success in one year, and it was mainly due to his zeal and talents as a presiding officer.

At the regular meeting in May, Bro. Thos. Gidley was suspended for threatening to divulge the secrets of Masonry. A reconciliation was endeavored to be effected of the old differences between Bros. O'Reilly and Le Clear, but without success, and the former was not allowed to enter the Lodge until such reconciliation was effected.

An Emergency meeting was held on Saturday, June 22nd, and it was decided to attend the funeral of the late Edward Matthews, who had died by his own hand. He was interred with Masonic honors on St. John's Day, and the usual celebration was dispensed with, on account of the melancholy circumstances attending Bro. Matthews' death. On the 11th July, W. R. Cornish was also interred with Masonic honors. The Band of the 23rd Royal Welsh Fusileers went with the funeral processions.

The following members were received during the year: J. C. Crysler, A. S. McCall, A. G. Smith, D. J. Hughes, John Henderson, H. B. Bostwick, J. H. Davison, Wm. D. Hale, A. G. Wood, Thomas Darling, Daniel Murphy, Jno. Campbell, R. Johnston, Jas. T. Bald, Jos. R. Bostwick, Murdock McKenzie, P. J. Dunn, W. T. Keily, E. W. Hyman, Wm. J. Geary, Rd. J. Evans, James Beard, A. C. Stone, Thos. Fraser, J. F. Limpricht, Francis Magill and John Elliott.

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WITHIN this period the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, and new Lodges were springing up all over the country. Even in London new Lodges were instituted with Canadian Charters, *not* because certain brethren were thirsting for office, as uncharitably stated by 209(n) historian, but because there was a desire to spread the good work, for if there was anything good in Craft Masonry, the more Lodges there were educating their members in deeds of Christian charity and benevolence the better. There was also a strong desire among Canadian Masons, whose Charters came from the motherland, to give up those Charters, and all work under a Canadian Grand Lodge. It was most inconvenient to hold allegiance to a Grand Lodge 3000 miles away, and the old English and Irish Lodges in the country hung on to their Charters only as a matter of sentiment. It is to be regretted that, with all the good there is in Masonry, so much dissension, strife and bitter feeling should have prevailed, and that attempts have been periodically made to perpetuate it, even to the present day.

It was decided at the close of the past year that for the future officers would be elected semi-annually, not for thirst of office, but for the good of Craft Masonry. Our forefathers always aimed at that which was good, at least we desire to give them credit for pure motives.

The following were the first officers installed for the short term: James Daniell, W. M.; D. J. Hughes, Sr. War.; J. M. Bennett, Jr. War.; E. W. Hyman, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec., and J. Le Clear, Tyler.

The following members were admitted this year: John Elliott, D. B. Burch, Wm. John Harper, Mark Burgess, Thomas Allen, Charles Fraleigh, Herman Kordes and M. S. Ayers.

It was evidently the intention of the Lodge to present P. M. Bro. James Daniell with a Past Master's Jewel, as we find the following record on the 24th June, 1851:

"Bro. Abbott stated to the Lodge that in consequence of the committee not having been enabled to procure a Past Master's Jewel in this country, Bro. Herring, of the Grand Lodge of New York, advised him to write to Bro. Fowler, Deputy Grand Secretary at Dublin, through whom the constitutional design could best be obtained. which communication he had sent, and was expecting an answer by the next English mail."

However, in the meantime, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Daniell,

Middlesex Lodge, No. 211, under the Grand Lodge of England, was instituted at Port Stanley, by the officers and members of this Lodge on St. John's Day, after which all went to Church for Divine service, and in the evening dined together at the North American Hotel, reaching home about 10 o'clock the same evening.

The following officers were installed: Wm. Moore, W. M.; Thos. Francis, Sr. War; J. F. Rolfe, Jr. War.; M. Magill, Chaplain; E. W. Hyman, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec., and J. Le Clear, Tyler.

A notice of motion was made by Wm. Moore to give up 209 Charter and affiliate with the proposed Grand Lodge of Canada, but was not considered.

On the 3rd of January, 1852, John H. L. Askin, son of the late Col. Askin, was interred with Masonic honors.

The following members were added to the roll during the year: Peter Wyckoff, Thos. McDonogh, W. B. Leather, Hugh McFee, and C. P. Birch.

In January of this year a warrant was received by this Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the village of Ingersoll (No 226), and it was instituted by the officers and members on the 20th of the month. It was called Ingersoll Lodge, No. 226, I. R.

The officers from January to June were: J. M. Bennett, W. M.; J. F. Rolfe, Sr. War.; E. W. Hyman,

Jr. War; A. C. Stone, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; Jas. Daniell, Chaplain, and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler. For the closing term: J. F. Rolfe, W. M.; E. W. Hyman, Sr. War.; W. J. Harper, Jr. War.; Thomas Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; and J. Le Clear, Tyler.

It was decided in May of this year to have regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. An effort was made to purchase a site for a Masonic Hall, and St. George's Lodge, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, which was instituted this year, was asked to join, and a large amount of stock subscribed. Between one and two hundred shares were taken at £5 each, and the site that was selected was the ground on which the old frame Methodist Church on Richmond Street was located. Forty-nine feet was offered at £16 per foot, one-third down, the balance in two annual instalments. But sufficient stock not being subscribed, and the terms of payment too short, on motion of Bros. Barker and Hyman, it was abandoned.

The funerals of Bros. Jos. Robinson and Geo. Code were both attended by the members of the Lodge and interred with Masonic honors.

P. M. Bro. Jas. Daniell was the recipient this year of a Past Master's Jewel, which was imported from Ireland for the purpose. He had time and again

been honored by the Lodge, and presided over its destinies. It is the first record we have of such a presentation, and was the occasion of a festival and addresses which was made public and held at the Mechanics' Institute. The presentation of Jewels to Past Masters have of late years become so common, that it has not enhanced their value.

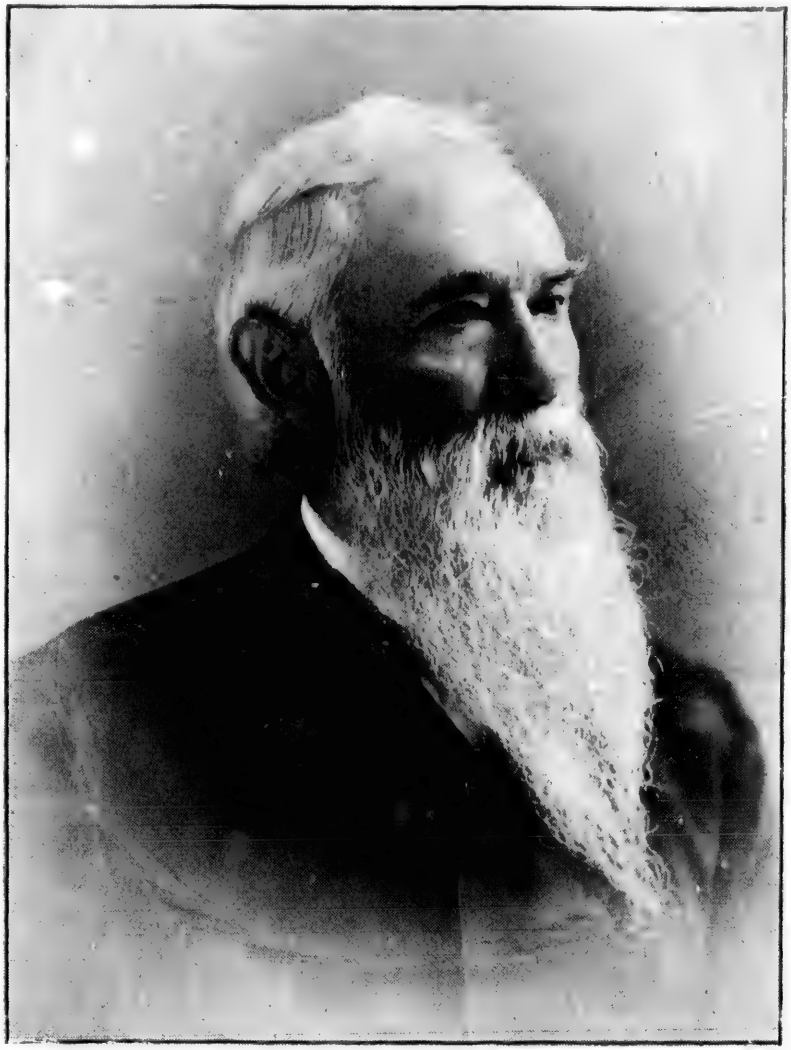
On the 13th of July, 1852, the foundation stone of the County of Elgin buildings, at St. Thomas, was laid with imposing Masonic ceremonies. This Lodge hired a six-horse coach, and, taking the Royal Artillery Band, travelled in great state to our adjoining Municipality. They were well received and very hospitably entertained, and the names of the officers of the Lodge are to-day preserved in the cavity of the foundation stone. W. D. Hale, W. M. of Middlesex Lodge, No. 211, performed the ceremony.

P. M. Bro. Jas. Daniell was unanimously chosen W. M. for 1853; W. J. Harper, Sr. War.; S. P. Ayers, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S Abbott, Sec.; M. Magill, Chaplain, and J. Le Clear, Tyler. At the first meeting the W. M. and Sec., as well as Bro. Thos. Scatcherd, Jr. D., were each fined 2/6 by resolution for absence. The semi-monthly meetings were abolished, and a resolution adopted fixing the regular meeting of the Lodge for the 2nd Tuesday in the month *for all time to come.* The sum of

£4/16/3 was voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purchase of necessaries and clothing for Mary Ann Hammill previous to getting married. This proved that the children of the late Bro. Hammill were carefully looked after by the Lodge.

On the 24th June, Installation of officers was held: Jas. Daniell, W. M.; S. P. Ayers, Sr. War;. G. W. Harper. Jr. War.; M. McGill, Ch.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; Jacob Le Clear, Tyler. After installation, the members proceeded to Church and heard a sermon from Rev. Bro. Street. £2 was granted for the relief of the orphans of the late Bro. Danby.

At the meeting held on the 29th November, P. M. Bro. Jas. Daniell was appointed a delegate to attend the Convention to be held in Hamilton for the purpose of establishing a Grand Lodge in Canada. The Lodge Room was granted free to St. George's Lodge for the current year. The following members were received during the year: James Burgess, John Wanless, Wm. H. Niles, Wm. Daniell, F. B. Beddome, J. W. Little, J. W. Kermott, John Siddons, T. H. Ball, E. J. Patterson, G. H. Hughes, John Phillips, G. H. Dalrymple, McLean Warren, J. M. Graham, and Jno. I. McKenzie. At the close of this year a movement was set on foot by the Lodges in Canada holding allegiance to foreign Grand Lodges, for the



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establishment of a Grand Lodge in Canada. An emergent communication was held on the 29th Nov. to consider a communication received from King Solomon Lodge, No. 222, Toronto, embodying resolutions of that Lodge to convene a meeting at Hamilton, and asking this Lodge to appoint delegates.

"Bro. Jas. Moffat moved, seconded by Bro. Wm. Gordon, that Bro. Jas. Daniell, W. M., be and he is hereby appointed the delegate to represent this Lodge, and his expenses paid, which was *carried*."

The following brethren were installed for the ensuing term: Jas. Daniell, W. M.; Mark Burgess, Sr. War.; James Moffat, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; and Jacob Le Clear, Tyler.

In February, 1854, it was brought to the attention of the Lodge that one of the orphan girls of the late Bro. Hammill had been neglected, and not being properly schooled or clothed was removed by the W. M. from the party in whose care she was placed, and £2 was granted for her relief. The following officers were installed for the half year ending 31st December, 1854: Jas. Daniell, W. M.; Jas. Moffat, Sr. War.; John Christie, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; T. F. McMullen, Tyler. Both this Lodge and St. George's Lodge celebrated St. John's Day, 24th June, by a dinner at Bro. McDowell's hotel. The following members were admitted during the

year, viz.: J. W. Kerr, T. F. McMullen, W. H. Job, J. H. Rowan, Robt. Wilson, Moses Pettingale, Angus Fraser, Jas. D. Tripp, Jno. Cameron, Alex. Johnston, Ed. Garratt, R. R. Ricaby, J. W. Ezekiel, D. McGregor Askin. A supper was given after the Installation of Officers on the 27th December, at Bro. Bennett's, at which the members of St. George's Lodge were invited. The following were the officers installed for the ensuing term: S. P. Ayers, W. M.; Jas. Moffat, Sr. War.; Jno. I. Mackenzie, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; John Keary, Tyler.

At the regular meeting in April, 1855, the committee on Grand Lodge reported as follows:

"That it is expedient to establish a Grand Lodge in Canada for the purpose of facilitating the transaction of business and promotion of the welfare of the Craft generally, and that this Lodge be represented by at least three delegates."

This report was adopted, and the expenses of the delegates ordered to be paid from the funds of the Lodge. By resolution, on the 8th of May, the Master and Wardens were authorized to proceed to Hamilton as delegates to the Masonic Convention held there on the following Monday, and the expenses of the three officers were ordered paid from the funds of the Lodge. Such delegates were instructed to vote in the affirmative on the third proposition, viz.:

"That we declare ourselves independent, and form a Grand Lodge of Canada."

The sum of £25 was granted to the patriotic fund, for the relief of those who had gone to fight the battles of their country. This was after the war with Russia. £6/6/3 was also sent to Louisiana for the relief of Bro. Joel P. Doan, who was in a destitute condition, and £1 was ordered paid to the W. M. for money advanced to a distressed brother. St John's Day was celebrated by both Lodges in a quiet way, by having a dinner. On the 10th July, the W. M., Sr. War., and P. M. Abbott were sent as delegates to attend the Masonic Convention held at Niagara on the 19th July, and their expenses paid from the funds of the Lodge. Wm. B. Lee having died was interred with Masonic honors.

On October 9th, the following resolution appeared to have been unanimously adopted : Moved by Bro. John I. McKenzie, seconded by Bro. Allen, and resolved

"That it is the unanimous desire of St. John's Lodge, 209, to be represented at the Masonic Convention to be holden at Hamilton, with the view of adopting all constitutional means which may tend to the establishment of a Grand Lodge for the united Provinces of Canada.—*Carried.*"

Messrs. Jas. Daniell, Jas. Moffat and A. S. Abbott were sent as delegates.

Moved by Bro. James Daniell, seconded by Bro. P. J. Dunn :

"That a committee of three be appointed by the W. M. to draft resolutions to submit to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, that St. John's Lodge, 209, has ceased to work under their jurisdiction, and that Bros. Jas. Daniell, Wm. Moore and Thos. Scatcherd be the committee.—*Carried.*"

Moved by Bro. James Daniell, and seconded by Bro. W. Allen :

"That the Secretary of St. John's Lodge make up a statement of all dues which belong, or should belong, to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.—*Carried.*"

On the 27th November, at a meeting of emergency, the report of the committee regarding the Grand Lodge of Canada was read and adopted.

Moved by Bro. James Daniell, and seconded by Bro. James Moffat, and *resolved :*

"That this Lodge, feeling the great necessity for having in Canada an Independent Masonic Grand Lodge through which business will be speedily and satisfactorily transacted, approve of the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and hereby pledges itself to use every exertion to aid the brethren connected with it in maintaining the position they have assumed, feeling that they have acted constitutionally, and are actuated only by a desire of benefiting the fraternity.—*Carried.*"

Moved and seconded :

"That the Secretary be required to make up a correct return of all moneys owing to the Grand Lodge of Ireland to this date, and that the amount thereof, with a notice that this Lodge has ceased to work under their jurisdiction, and a copy of the foregoing resolutions be, without delay, forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Ireland.—*Carried.*"

Moved and seconded :

"That the brethren of this Lodge, having harmoniously worked for many years under the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, would feel much regret in parting with it, more particularly as it will tend from time to time to remind them of the many trying difficulties the noble Masonic pioneers of this Western Canada encountered, many of whom are now no more, and had to contend with in permanently establishing Masonry in London. Therefore be it resolved that the Grand Lodge of Ireland be respectfully requested to permit the warrant to remain amongst us, to be kept in the Lodge.—*Carried.*"

Moved, seconded and resolved :

"That the determination of this Lodge to withdraw from its connection with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, has not arisen from any unfriendly feeling, but solely from a knowledge of the fact that without the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge in Canada, the usefulness of the Order, which all good Masons desire, will in this Province be materially diminished, and its progress very much retarded."

All the foregoing resolutions were adopted on the 27th November, and the historian passes them over

as of no moment, but adds, "Neither of these resolutions were acted upon at this time."

The records do not show that any change of officers was made in June of this year; but in December the following officers were elected: Jas. Moffat, W. M.; Jno. I. McKenzie, Sr. War.; Wm. Daniell, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; Duncan M. Askin, Sec.; Wm. McMullen, Sr. Dea.; Ed. Garrett, Jr. Dea.; Donald Fraser, Tyler. The following members were received: Jas. McFadden, Murray Anderson, Paul Phipps, Geo. W. Ashton, Emerick Gillett, Samuel Bunker, Chas. F. Armstrong, Geo. Bunker, Rd. Donald, Geo. W. Law, David Ryckman, and Daniel Graves. At the close of the year, £12 was, by resolution, ordered to be sent to the Grand Lodge of Canada for the purchase of new regalia.

1856 opened bright and prosperous. The meetings were well attended, and more applications for Masonry were received and more candidates admitted than at any one period in the history of the Lodge. But what does the historian say?: "This and the two following years were seasons of trouble and discord among the brethren, the Grand Lodge of Canada being the basis of dispute between two contending sections." To say that this is untrue is not strong enough English; but why does he say it? There is no record to justify it, and he gives no quotations. Surely a

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brother Mason attempting to write a history of his Lodge should have been more guarded. The fact of the matter was that he was in a dilemma—this was the year that 209 charter ceased to exist and No. 14 was issued under the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the entire membership having acquiesced in the change, there was no cause for a "spirit of antagonism." The fact that Bro. Ezekiel, a Jew, formerly well known in London, was charged with defrauding Bro. A. S. Abbott of £150, Bro. Selligman of £400 and Bro. B. Nash of £75, was not good cause for saying that there was "malcontents in the Lodge and sister Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Canada." Robbers clothed as angels having succeeded in getting into good society had nothing whatever to do with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Men like Ezekiel and Kermott were only just plying their vocation, and were exposed that year. But it was a difficult matter to account for that and two or three succeeding years where he had no record, and it would never do to give the true record. He does not even give a list of officers until 1859, and they must have been in embryo, for the old charter was not purloined until the year 1860, and there was nothing to elect officers upon. At an emergency meeting, February 1st, the Dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Canada was received, and at the regular meeting, on Tuesday, February

12th, the Grand Master visited the Lodge, and his expenses were paid. The same month, an emergency was held to attend the funeral of Bro. Christie, an old artillery man, and he was buried with Masonic honors. In April, a committee, consisting of Bro. Wm. Daniell, M. Burgess, Thos. Francis, D. M. Askin, and A. S. Abbott, were appointed to take into consideration the Rules from the Grand Lodge.

St. John's Day, 24th June, was celebrated by the consecration of the new Lodge Room, on Richmond Street, nearly opposite the City Hall. So much business was done this year that the Secretary was compelled to resign, not being able to give it proper attention. John Keary was appointed in June, by resolution, with a salary of £5 for his services to the close of the year. In July, the former resolution was rescinded, and Bro. A. S. Abbott appointed Secretary, at a salary of £10. The record shows that the new No. 14 was used for the first time at the regular meeting, August 12th. On the 7th of October, J. W. Kermott was suspended, and recommended to the Grand Lodge for expulsion. On. St. John's Day, the regular officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: James Moffat, W. M.; John I. McKenzie, Sr. War.; Wm. Daniell, Jr. War.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; Ed. Garrett, Sr. Dea.; Hamilton Hunter, Jr. Dea.; T. H. Buckley, Inner Gd.; and Thos. F. Mc-

Mullen, Tyler. The fees for initiation were raised to £7/10, and the Treasurer was allowed 15/ per annum for his services, besides remission of dues. This closed one of the most harmonious years the Lodge ever had, besides being very successful in a business point of view, and, although the old charter had been given up, not a single member withdrew, yet in the face of this we are told that it was a season of "trouble and discord." The following new members were received, viz.: F. E. Cornish, Edwin Heathfield, R. McCullough, Jas. Johnston, Hamilton Hunter, Henry De Blacquere, Marcus Talbot, John Priestly, H. D. Munro, Robt. Thompson, Geo. B. Bradley, Robt. Abernethy, Geo. Clark, Jno. McIntosh, David Wrightman, James Ferguson, Jos. Malcolmson, Jno. Chalmers, T. H. Buckley, Jonathan T. Abbott, Arthur Wallace, Jas. H. Ryan, Johnston Waddell, J. B. Burwell, Chas. S. Harris, Wm. F. Elkins, B. F. Bartlett, F. J. Lawrence, G. C. Nicholson, Rd. Irvine, A. Hayward, Wm. Piggott, Geo. Taylor, and Rd. Booth.

1857 opened out as prosperous as the preceding year. In February, a motion was carried reducing initiation fee to £5. Jas. Moffat, Sr., of the old Lodge St. John's, Lanark, No. 23, Registry of Scotland, was made an honorary member, by resolution. The late Jas. Johnston was interred with Masonic

honors, the members of St. George's and Kilwinning Lodges participating. On the 14th April, the new Warrant was received and acknowledged. The Finance Committee was requested to meet without loss of time, to make the necessary arrangement for paying the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Canada. The returns having been sent to Hamilton and are ready for transmission to Dublin. The amount required was £54. A melodeon, costing £11/5, was purchased for the use of the Lodge, also a complete set of sky blue collars of watered silk and trimmed with silver lace. In September, an account was received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, for balance due on returns, of £19/9/0 stg., which was ordered paid. Bro. Duncan McKenzie, who had been suspended for nearly two years for unmasonic conduct, had his suspension removed. The W. M. reported that the Chapter had loaned this Lodge £10 to enable the Secretary to forward the necessary amount due to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. On the 8th December, 1857, a letter was received from three of the members of Lodge 14, requesting possession of the old Warrant No. 209, more than two years after the Warrant had become extinct. This is the first intimation that a scheme was on foot by a disaffected few to resurrect the dead. Here follows the minute with the letter:

"From Bros. Rolfe, Johnson and Keary, demanding possession of the Warrant of St. John's Lodge 209."

LONDON, Nov. 24th, 1857.

JAS. MOFFAT, ESQ.,

W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 14, late 209.

WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRO.:—We, the undersigned members of St. John's Lodge, 209, do hereby respectfully request that you will deliver up to us the Warrant of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 209, to permit the brethren to assemble and work the Royal Art in this city, to meet and work the same as heretofore, and oblige, Yours respectfully,

(Signed) JOSEPH F. ROLFE.
ALEX. JOHNSON.
JNO. KEARY.

There is no record of any action being taken, except a notice of motion by Bro. Wm. Daniell that it be delivered up at next monthly meeting, which was never brought forward. The original letter, of which the foregoing is a copy, is in the handwriting of Bro. Jno. Keary, and the names of the two brothers are signed by him.

On the 8th December, 1857, an application was made from St. George's Lodge and Chapter for permission to occupy this Lodge Room, and a committee was appointed with power to conclude arrangements. A resolution was also adopted early in the following year, proposing a union of all the Masonic bodies in one Masonic Hall.

P. M., Bro. Jas. Moffat, having filled the position of W. M. for 1856 and 1857 with dignity and ability, the members felt he deserved some special recognition for the services he had rendered. Under his administration the Grand Lodge of Canada had been formed, and the representatives of this Lodge had taken a very active part in its formation. As 209 we had given up our allegiance to a foreign Grand Lodge, and accepted our new No. 14, afterwards changed to 20, under the Grand Lodge of Canada. A very handsome Past Master's Jewel, beautifully engraved, and which decorates our engraving of P. M., Bro. Moffat (now a venerable ex-Grand Master), was procured and presented to him at the close of the year. It bears the following inscription :

"Presented to James Moffat, Esq., P. M., Lodge No. 14, C. R., as a tribute to Masonic worth, by the members London, C. W., 27th December, 1857."

The following officers were installed on the 28th December for the coming year : Thos. Francis, W. M.; Ed. Garrett, Sr. War.; Edwin Heathfield, Jr. War.; J. Keary, Sr. Dea.; Rd. Irwin, Jr. Dea.; Thos. Allen, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; W. C. L. Gill, I. Gd.; Thos. F. McMullen, Tyler ; W. T. Erith, Organist. This ended another harmonious year. Not a single member left the Lodge on account of the change of

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authority. Yet. the historian previously referred to has the hardihood to say:

"During this period, ceaseless were the bickerings among the members, one portion being desirous of working under their Irish Warrant, and the other arraying itself in opposition."

The question was never even raised in the two years, the only thing in the minutes that had any reference to the old Warrant was the letter referred to in December. The following members were received, viz.: A. W. Gamble, John Dobie, John Bell, A. A. Wright, Philip Landon, E. B. Griswold, L. N. McManus, John Doyle, W. C. L. Gill, Rd. Patton, Robert Drullard, T. T. Irving, George Parkins, Rd. Bryant, Silas C. McManus, W. T. Erith, and John Barry.

1858 was a quiet year, although some trouble was experienced with the heavy expenses in fitting up the new Hall, and sundry bills coming in for wines supplied for a Masonic Ball in 1856, a bill of J. B. Smyth's of $60.50 was not entertained. The brethren were notified of arrears of dues, and in January, summonses were sent out for all members in arrears to pay up, or to appear and show cause why they should not be suspended. £8/8/9 was paid in in January. A series of resolutions were adopted in February, proposing a union of all the Masonic bodies

in one Masonic Hall. The portrait of the Grand Master Wilson was ordered framed and hung up in the Lodge Room. The late Jas. Moffat, Sr., was interred with Masonic honors, the Phœnix Band having been engaged for the occasion. In June, a resolution was adopted requesting all Past Masters to attend the next session of the Grand Lodge, the expenses to be paid from the general fund. In November, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting the Grand Lodge to rescind the expulsion of Dr. J. W. Kermott. The Treasurer, Bro. Allen, took his demit, and the thanks of the Lodge tendered him for his efficient discharge of the duties of Treasurer for many years. At the last regular meeting in December, the following officers were elected for 1859: Edwin Heathfield, W. M.; Thos. T. Irving, Sr War.; Jno. Keary, Jr. War.; Wm. Gordon, Treas.; A. S. Abbott, Sec.; Jno. Barry, Sr. Dea.; Rich'd Irwin, Jr. Dea.; Thos. Francis, Chap.; T. F. McMullen, Tyler. The following members were admitted, viz.: Martin McNamara, F. W. H. C. Jarvis, Jno. McGregor, Thomas Ferguson, William P. Wilson, John Sharman, Robt. Saddler, P. Flint, Peter Cumerford, Alonzo Strong, John Smart, Thos. Haskett, and Wm. Scott.

1859. Up to this year there was not a sign of trouble. The old Charter of 209 still peacefully re-

posed, locked up among the archives of Lodge No. 14. The historian commences his record by saying:

"It was a broken year, and only four meetings are recorded as having been held."

He continues:

"On the 13th May, the installation of officers, which should have taken place on the previous December, was held, as follows: E. Garrett, W. M.; Alex. Johnston, Sr. War.; J. F. Rolfe, Jr. War.; D. McKenzie, Sec."

This was evidently one of the meetings; but it was very funny that they elected men who were then members in good standing in Lodge 14. But he gives us no record except that:

"At that meeting, two years' dues was forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Ireland"

This was done to prevent the old Warrant from dying a natural death, and "the Initiation Fee was temporarily fixed at $12.00." In November, they again proceeded to election, and the following is the result:

"E. Garrett, W. M.; T. H. Buckley, Sr. War.; Rd. Irvine, Jr. War.; D. McKenzie, Sec.; Alex. Johnston, Treas.; James McDonell, Sr. Dea.; Geo. Taylor, Jr. Dea.; Jacob Le Clear, Tyler."

I will now give you some very interesting records from Lodge 14, having reference to the aforesaid officers. At the regular meeting in May, a letter was read from Bro. D. McKenzie, asking for a remission of his dues, on grounds of insolvency.

"Bro. Abbott moved, seconded by Bro. Rolfe, 'That the dues of Bro. D. Mckenzie be remitted in full, and that a certificate of withdrawal be forwarded, agreeable to his request.'—*Carried.*"

At the same meeting is the following:

"On motion of Bro. T. H. Buckley, seconded by Bro. Wallace, 'That the Secretary be authorized to pay the amount due the Grand Lodge of Ireland.'—*Carried.*"

On the 14th June, "P. M., J. F. Rolfe was appointed a delegate for the W. M., to represent Lodge No. 14."

On the 12th July, is the following minute:

"Moved by Bro. Abbott, seconded by R. W. Bro. Moffat, 'That the amount of dues charged to Bro. Rolfe be remitted, inasmuch as he desires his name to be withdrawn from our list of members, when he was about leaving this country for England, and that his name be now struck off our list.'—*Carried.*"

Bro. Buckley, another of the elected officers, was a regular attender at the meetings of No. 14, besides being the landlord. Objection was taken in Lodge meeting in June to his renting a portion of the building for an Orange Lodge, when the following minute

appears: "Bro. Buckley assured the Lodge that he had no intention of interfering with the interests of this Lodge by establishing a Lodge contrary to the wishes of this Lodge." September 13th, Bro. Alex. Johnston seconded a motion appointing a committee to examine into the condition of the building, and to confer with the other Lodges as to its safety. The committee appointed were Bros. Moffat, Garrett, Leather and Francis. Every one of those men, published as officers of 209 for the year 1859, whom the historian dubs as the "loyal members," including himself, were members of 14, and became members of Lodge 20, except D. McKenzie and J. F. Rolfe. On the 13th September, 1859, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary, notifying the Lodge of the alteration of the No. from 14 to 20. At the regular meeting in December, the following officers were elected for 1860, viz: Edwin Heathfield, W. M.; Thos. T. Irving, Sr. War.; J. Barry, Jr. War.; Wm. Gordon, Treas.; J. D. Sharman, Sec.; R. Booth, Sr. Dea.; Geo. A. Oxnard, Jr. Dea.; Thos. Haskett, I. Gd.; Thos. F. McMullen, Tyler. The following members were received, viz.: Geo. H. Denison, Thos. Holland, A. C. Smith, Wm. Smith, Geo. A. Oxnard, Rev. Jas. Dixon, John Symmonds, Rd. Tubman, John Magee, E. Glackmeyer, John Charlton, John J. Foote, J. K. Clare, and Wm. Quigley.

1860.—This was the year that the old Warrant was purloined and commenced doing duty, and it was very evident that the Brothers surreptitiously working under it still remained in full membership with Lodge 20. They were the *loyal* men. Outside they could not accomplish their designs successfully, but as members, like wolves in sheep's clothing, they could work more successfully, and accomplish their designs.

The late Secretary, Bro. Abbott, gave the following notice of motion: "That at the next meeting of 20 he will move that St. John's Lodge, 209, be permitted to occupy this Lodge Room for the transaction of their Lodge duties, free of charge." The notice of motion did not take, as it was not produced at the following communication, but it was evident they wanted to work on a cheap scale and they were not slow in asking for what they wanted.

At the regular meeting in March, the following record is found:

"Moved by Bro. Moffat, seconded by Bro. Erith,

"That we, the W. M., Wardens and Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No 20, learn with regret that a Lodge in this city calling itself No 209, G. R. I., have been recognized by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and such recognition having been published in the daily papers of this city—*Resolved*, That this Lodge communicate at once with the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary, expressing our opinion that said Lodge should

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not be recognized, and praying that the circumstances be investigated at as early a day as possible, and that a copy of such recognition be forwarded to the Grand Secretary"

"Moved by Bro. Abbott, and seconded, that the above resolution be laid over until our next regular meeting."

"Original motion carried—12 for and 6 against"

"Moved by Bro. T. F. Irvine, and seconded by Bro. Cumerford, that a new lock be procured for this room.—*Carried.*"

At the next regular meeting, March 27th, 1860, Bro. T. Francis applied for and received his demit.

At the same meeting the following record appears:

"Bro. Holland asked for an explanation how it was that St. John's 209 got the use of this room against the voice of the Lodge taken at the previous meeting. A satisfactory explanation was given by Wor. Bro. Heathfield, having given up the key not knowing the feelings of the Lodge, he being absent from the city for some time previous."

At the regular meeting held April 10th, 1860:

"Wor. Bro. Heathfield read a communication from the Grand Master, to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Canada were bound to recognize 209, giving in the meantime his private opinion that the subordinate Lodges might act as they thought proper."

"Bro. Garrett asked for the use of the Hall for 209."

"Bro. Holland moved, seconded by Bro. Barry, that 209 do not get the use of this Hall.—*Carried.* 8 for and 12 against."

At the regular meeting in August, the following record appears:

"The W. M. gave notice that a Lodge calling themselves St John's Lodge 209 were pronounced irregular by Grand Lodge, and all Masons connected with such Lodge will not be allowed to sit in Lodge No. 20, G. R. C."

Bro. D. Lester applied for his demit, which was granted.

At the regular meeting, November 13th, the following minute appears:

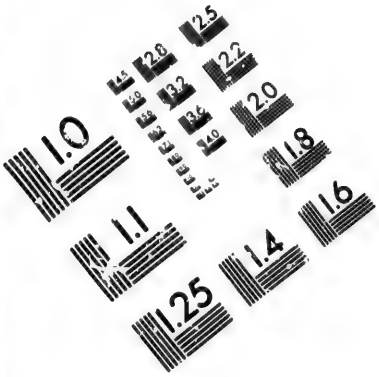
"A communication was read from a Lodge calling itself St. John's Lodge 209, G. R. I, asking for the books that formerly belonged to that Lodge, or a certified copy of the same."

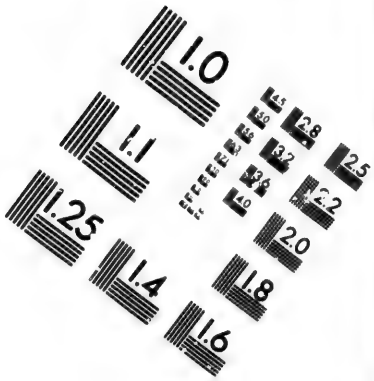
The communication was not received. This was rather a cool request. The records of 209, No. 14 and No. 20, run consecutively in one minute book, which is one of the very best evidences of legitimacy in succession, and when 209[a] claim that they are 209, the oldest Lodge in London, and the only Irish Lodge, they make a statement that they cannot substantiate, neither can they uphold the *claim of legitimacy.*

A dispute occurred with Bro. Buckley with reference to arrears of rent. Finally it was settled to give him $100 and his dues remitted to date. Bro. A. S. Abbott requested the Lodge to give him credit for $40, being the amount of his salary as Secretary for 1859, intimating at the same time that he should

not have asked for it had not this Lodge requested him to pay a due bill given for the initiation fee of Rev. Mr. Dixon. This gentleman had quite a reputation as a distinguished preacher and a man of great talent, but he turned out a disgrace to the Church he represented, and made a sudden flight from London.

At the regular meeting in December, the following officers were installed for 1861: T. T. Irving, W. M.; Jno. Barry, Sr. War.; R. Booth, Jr. War.; E. Glackmeyer, Treas.; J. D. Sharman, Sec.; T. F. McMullen, Tyler. The following members were admitted, viz.; Jas. Robertson, Geo. Jackson, P. O'Neil, and Donald Seaton.





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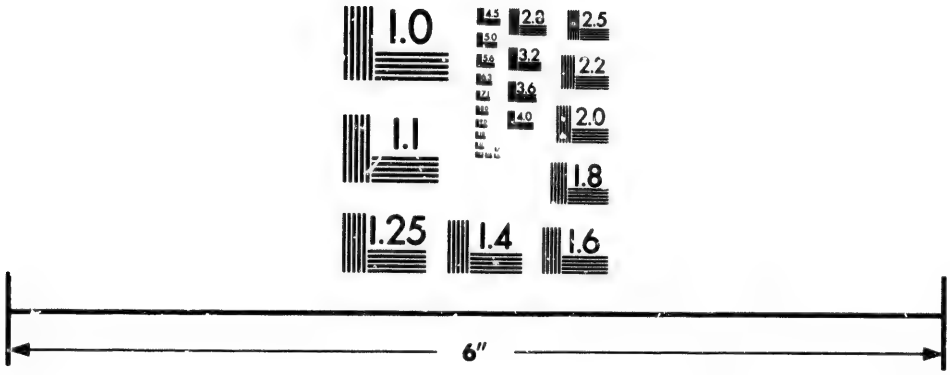

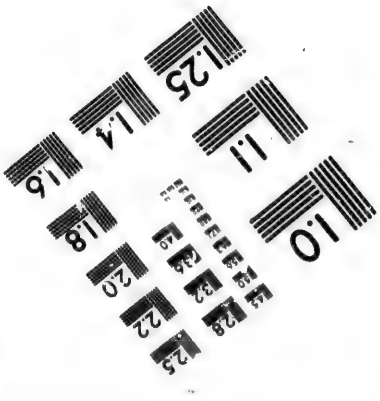

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AT the regular meeting in January, a communication was read from Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas, D. D. G. M., asking the Lodge to adopt the Canadian Ritual, which was laid over, and the Grand Secretary communicated with. At the succeeding meeting his reply was read, stating that it was distinctly understood that no lodge was to be coerced in regard to the work. At the regular meeting in June a charge was preferred against Bro. A. S. Abbott by Bro. J. K. Clare, for attending an irregular and clandestine Lodge, (209), and being present at the initiation of a candidate. The following is the record :

"After a long hearing, and a full explanation by the W. M., as to the meaning of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Canada, as regards St. Johns, 209, Bro. Abbott retired.

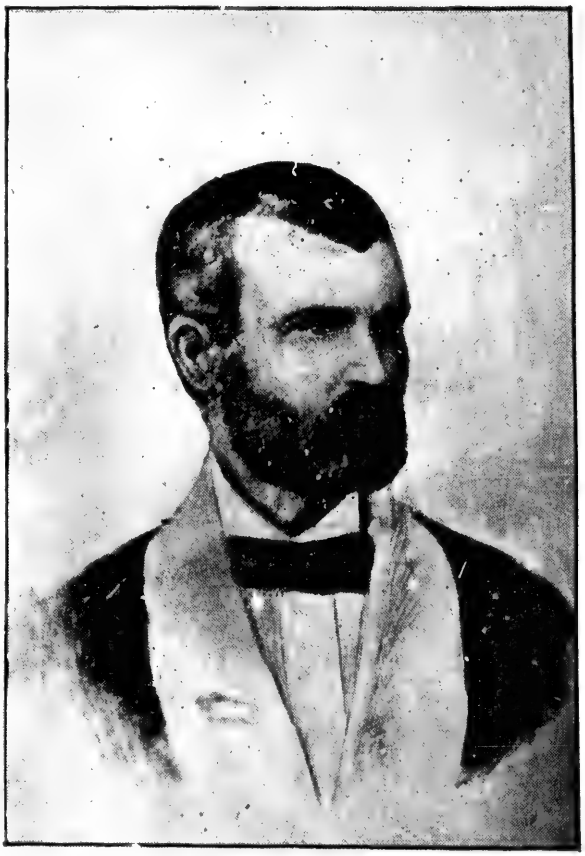
"It was moved by P. M. Bro. Moffat, and seconded by Bro. Erith, that the case having been fully investigated, there can be no doubt that P. M. Bro. Abbott has been guilty of visiting Lodge 209, and was present at the initiation of a candidate in said Lodge, contrary to a resolution by Grand Lodge at their last communication. But hoping it was done through ignorance on his part and that it will not be repeated, no further action will be taken, save a reprimand from the Chair.—*Carried unanimously.*

"Bro. Abbott was then introduced into the Lodge, and the W. M. made known the action of the Lodge. Bro. Abbott, with much feeling, thanked the Lodge for their kindness towards him."

The following officers were duly elected for the following year: Wm. Daniell, W. M.; R. Booth, Sen. War.; J. K. Clare, J. W.; E. Glackmeyer, Treas.; J. D. Sharman, Sec.; James Ferguson, Chaplain, and T. F. McMullen, Tyler. The following brethren were suspended for belonging to 209, an irregular Lodge, viz.: Edward Garrett, Rd. Irwin, Geo. Taylor, and Geo. Perkins. The following new members were received: Peter Elson, M. Walden, Robt. Waddell, Geo. E. Tuckett, E. R. C. Pechell, B. Walden, and Geo. Hall.

At the regular meeting in February, 1862, a circular was read from Grand Lodge forbidding all regular Masons recognizing Lodge 209, I. R., as the resolution passed at a former session of Grand Lodge as to their extinction under their original Warrant, working in an irregular and unconstitutional manner was confirmed at last meeting. On motion, the circular received from the Grand Lodge, respecting Lodge 209, was ordered to be posted in the anteroom.

At the meeting held in July, charges were again preferred against A. S. Abbott, as follows:



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"1st. For visiting St. John's Lodge, 209, I. R., such conduct being positively forbidden by the Grand Lodge of Canada, as they had become extinct under their original Warrant, and were working in an irregular and unconstitutional manner."

"2nd. For violating his pledged word, given on the floor of this Lodge on his previous trial."

"It was resolved that a copy of the minutes of the meeting at which Bro. Abbott was previously condemned be sent him, with a copy of the charges now preferred, and that he be cited to appear to answer these charges at our next regular communication and give his explanation thereto."

Bro. A. S. Abbott appeared at the next meeting, and gave what he considered a full explanation. A vote was then taken upon the evidence, and he was declared guilty by an almost unanimous vote.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*,—That this Lodge refrain from passing any sentence on Bro. A. S. Abbott, and that the facts as elicited, with the evidence adduced, be forwarded to the Grand Lodge for their consideration."

"*Resolved*,—That the W. M. be requested to use his best endeavors with the Grand Lodge of Canada to cause the difference that now exists between the Grand Lodge of Canada and Grand Lodge of Ireland with reference to Lodge 209, I R., to be adjusted, with a view of taking out a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Canada."

At the regular communication held December 9, a communication was read from the Grand Secretary,

announcing General Master Harrington's decision regarding St. John's Lodge, 209, of this city, and St. Lawrence Lodge, of Montreal, pronouncing them regularly constituted, and ordering them to be recognized by all regularly constituted Masons. A communication was also read from 209 asking for the Jewels, which was filed.

The following members were received during the year, viz.: M. D. Dawson, Joshua N. McKay, R. Fleetam, Wm. Campbell, and Joseph Wright.

The following officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year: John I. McKenzie, W. M.; J. K. Clare, Sen. War.; Jas. Robertson, J. W.; E. Glackmeyer, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; Peter Cumerford, Sen. Deacon; Arthur Wallace, Jr. Deacon; R. Fleetam, In. Guard, and T. F. McMullen, Tyler.

1863.—At the regular meeting in January, a communication was read from 209, I. R., asking for Jewels, books, papers, etc., which they considered their property, and requesting an answer. The communication was filed. In April, a deputation from Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, requested that this Lodge appoint a committee to confer with them, and the committee appointed from 209, I. R, to endeavor, if possible, to settle existing difficulties, so that in future

more harmony and good feeling may be the result in the London brotherhood. The following committee were appointed: T. T. Irving, Thos. Holland, Joseph Wright, and John I. McKenzie, with instructions to take into consideration the demand made by 209 for Jewels and other property of this Lodge. At the regular meeting in June, P. M. Bro. James Moffat was sent as a delegate from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge at Montreal, and received the following instructions:

"1st. That he represent to Grand Lodge the injustice that has been done to this Lodge and to the cause of Masonry by the recognition of St. John's Lodge, 209, without first arriving at a logical and first conclusion as to the action and policy of certain members of said Lodge when in connection with this Lodge, and as to their conduct when resuscitating Lodge 209."

"2nd. That if any complaints are made to Grand Lodge by St. John's Lodge 209, to bring before Grand Lodge all the circumstances under which this Lodge became possessed of the Jewels and implements formerly used by 209, and that on no account will this Lodge submit to be divested of its rights in respect to such Jewels and implements."

"3rd. That it will be his duty to represent that the recognition by the Grand Lodge of Canada of any Lodge clandestinely possessing itself of a Charter, as the Lodge referred to has done, and in which the degrees of Masonry are given for the sum of $12.00, is subversive of the best interests of Masonry, and must be destructive to the progress of the Craft in London so far as the Grand Lodge of Canada is concerned."

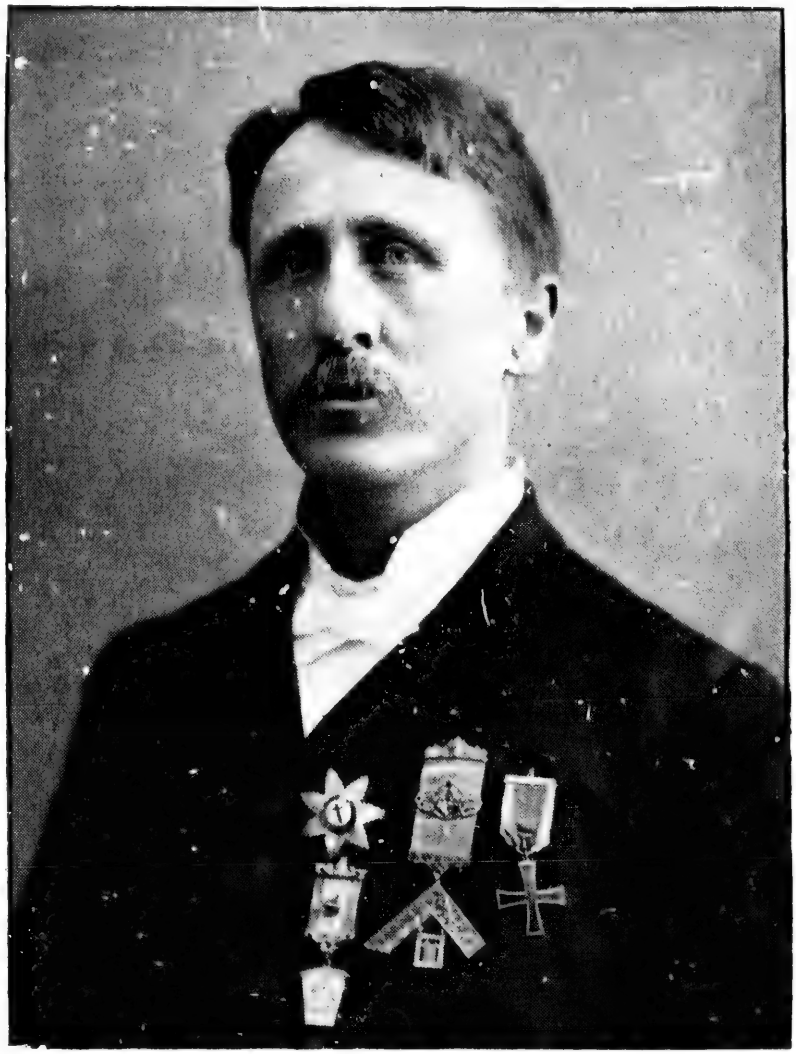
"4th. That in respect to certain arrears claimed as due from this Lodge to the Grand Lodge is concerned, we represent the facts as being but part and parcel of the gross injustice inflicted upon this Lodge by some of the leading dissentients who resuscitated 209, and endeavor to have the matter so arranged so as to be satisfactory and to the interests of this Lodge and that of the Craft."

"And finally, that this Lodge hesitates, honestly hesitates, in justice to themselves and to the interests of Masonry, to recognize 209, or the members thereof, believing that all the facts connected with the difficulties which have existed, and which do now exist, have not been fully and fairly placed before the M. Wor. the Grand Master. But viewing the recognition of such Lodge 209 as a declared fact, the brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, must insist on reparation as follows: That said Lodge withdraw their claims on our Jewels and implements."

"That the arrearages claimed by Grand Lodge of Canada be satisfactorily arranged, and that a reasonable approximation of the charge for initiation fees be agreed on between Foreign Lodges and those hailing under the Grand Lodge of Canada."

At the regular meeting, held July 14th, Bro. Jas. Moffat made the following report:

"That our Jewels and implements and records which St. John's 209 lay claim to be retained at all hazards. The $64.00 debt which was contracted by Messrs. Abbott and Evans was also cancelled by Grand Lodge, the balance to be paid. Also any irregularity discovered in the future proceedings of 209 to be reported to Grand Lodge from time to time."



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A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Moffat for the able manner he had represented the interests of this Lodge.

In September a communication was read from 209, I. R., with copy of a condemnatory resolution of the action of this Lodge in the case of some of their members who were denied admission. The communication was filed.

The same officers were elected for the ensuing year. The following brethren withdrew during the year, viz.: P. J. McDonogh, Benj. Walden, John Siddons, John Barry, Thos. Haskett, R. J. Evans, A. S. Abbott, Thos. T. Irving, Alex. Johnston, Donald Seaton, James Daniell, and Wm. Daniell.

1864.—In February of this year there was a committee formed of the Master and Wardens of 20 and 209, to devise some means for the peaceful settlement of existing difficulties between the Lodges, and at a meeting of 20 in March, called to receive their report, the following was submitted:

"The W. M.s and Wardens of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and St. John's Lodge, 209, in presenting this Report to their respective Lodges, and in thus addressing the brethren, are actuated solely by a desire to create and maintain peace and concord among the brethren. And deeming it to be quite beside the question at issue, and the object now aimed at, as between the two Lodges, to go over the grounds for the es-

trangement that has unfortunately existed, or even to express any opinion thereon, but they simply, and without dictation, earnestly adjure the brethren to bury in oblivion all the occasions for discord that may have existed—whether real or imaginary—and one and all to come forward as 'Free and Accepted Masons,' bound together by the 'mystic tie,' to cement in a fraternal spirit the proposition for and agreement now suggested.

"The W. M's and Wardens having agreed on the following basis of settlement, they invite the brethren to take the subject into consideration, and by a united action to confirm what has been done.

"*First.*—That the Books of Record and other papers, now in possession of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and in which are contained all records connected with the working of St. John's Lodge, No. 209, beginning on the 19th day of August, 1842, and ending on the 27th day of March, 1855, be delivered over to Lodge No. 209.

"*Second.*—That the minutes contained in the last pages of one of said books, and in which are embraced all minutes in existence, connected with the original formation of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, commencing on page 364, with the regular meeting of 10th April, 1855, and terminating with the regular communication of 27th Dec., 1855, and which occupies 22 pages of said book, be taken out and remain in the custody of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, with any other papers having reference to the original formation of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, of a date prior to 27th Dec., 1855, certified copies of all such being furnished to St. John's Lodge, No. 209, if so required.

"*Third.*—That in respect to the disputed ownership of the Jewels and implements or other furnishings, now, and since its

formation, used by St. John's Lodge, No. 20, the Master and Wardens, consider that in the interests of Free Masonry, honorable, fraternal intercourse is of far higher import to our glorious Order than the mere question of dollars and cents involved, and that far greater benefit will be the results to Masonry by a general yielding of cherished desires, which, in other circumstances might be deemed a sacred duty. In this view of the case it is advised, as the more brotherly course, to declare, that from henceforth the Jewels, implements, and other furnishings shall be and remain the property of St. John's Lodge, No. 20.

(Signed) JOHN I. McKENZIE, W. M., St. John's Lodge 20.
THOS. WINNETT, W. M., St. John's Lodge 209.
J. K. CLARE, Sen. War., No. 20.
RD. WIGMORE, Sen. War., No. 209."

The Report of the Committee was rejected by a large majority. It was then moved by P. M. Bro. Jas. Moffat, and seconded by Bro. M. D. Dawson, and

Resolved, that a committee be appointed from the Lodge, consisting of the Master, Wardens, and present P. M.s, requesting that our sister Lodges, St. George's Lodge, No. 42, and Kilwinning, No. 64, do appoint a similar committee to try and arrange the present difficulty with 209 on some equitable basis, and that the said Committee report to their several Lodges the basis on which such proposals are made.

Those Committees were appointed, and at the regular communication, held April 12th, 1864, their report was presented and unanimously adopted; but

what was acceptable to the three Lodges the historian of 209 says they "treated with contempt." The following is the report:

"At a meeting of the joint Committee, appointed by the three Lodges hailing from the Grand Lodge of Canada in this city, held on the 11th of April, 1864, the following was unanimously adopted, and on approval by the several Lodges, the Secretary was authorized to forward a copy of the same to the W. M. of St. John's Lodge, 209, I. R."

"*Whereas*, it is not only desirable, but also in accordance with the pure principles of our holy and time-honored Institution, whose precepts it is our bounden duty to respect and adhere to, that 'brotherly love' should abound, and continue to be the chief feature of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, wherever they may be found under the canopy of heaven.

"And Whereas a state of disunion and antagonism has unfortunately existed among the Craft in this city, in consequence chiefly of the unusual and universally condemned action of a Lodge holding fealty to a Grand Lodge, which should exercise authority in its own jurisdiction only, thereby keeping up a spirit of unmasonic rivalry, prejudicial to the true interests of Masonry.

"Therefore be it *Resolved*, that an effort be made in the most fraternal spirit to induce the said Lodge to come within the fold of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to whose jurisdiction it legitimately belongs, and that such course would most certainly be conducive to that fraternal spirit which ought always to characterize Free Masons, and would bind the Craft into one undivided band of brothers, not in name only, but in spirit and truth, which is a consummation most devoutly to be desired by every true-hearted brother.

"Therefore, it is most fraternally suggested that the said Lodge do now ask for a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, which we are assured will be cheerfully granted free of all expense. This is the language of the ancient charges. 'Masonry will become the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.'

JAMES MOFFAT, Chairman.
J. K. CLARE, Secretary."

In October a communication was read and filed from Lodge 209, giving a cordial and brotherly welcome to any brothers of No. 20 who may feel disposed to visit them.

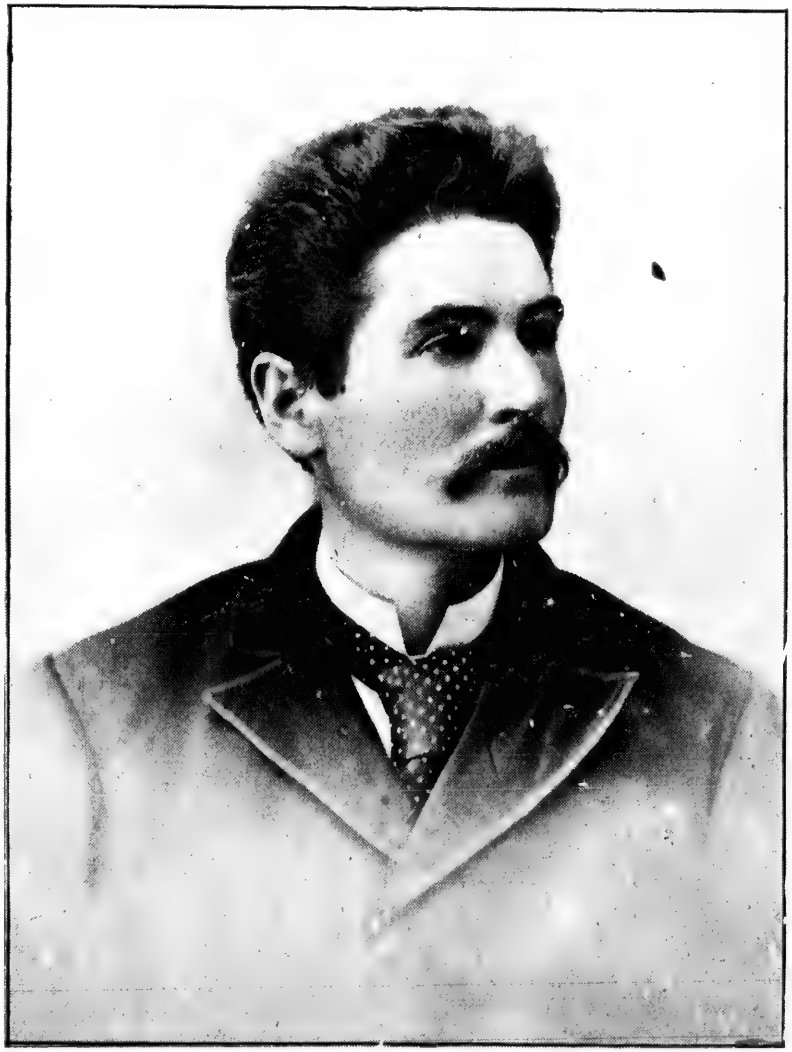
St. John's Day was celebrated this year by a dinner. The officers elected for the ensuing year were W. M. J. K. Clare, James Robertson, Sen War.; Arthur Wallace, Jr. War.; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and T. F. McMullen, Tyler. The following members were received during the year: J. Cogman, Geo. A. Carey, Robt. Anderson, Robt. R. Smith and F. H. Kenny.

1865 and 1866 were both quiet years, although a large amount of business was transacted and a good many good men joined the Lodge. The same officers were re-elected for 1866 with the exception of the Sen. War.: Richard Booth was elected in place of Jas. Robertson. The Wor. Master J. K. Clare proved

an able presiding officer, and a workman of more than ordinary ability, and it is to be regretted that he has not maintained an attendance upon lodge duties to the present time. He still remains a member of the Lodge, but for many years past has been inactive.

The books were regularly audited, and a better system adopted than in former years, and the finances of the Lodge began to assume a more healthy state. The following were the members added: Jos. M. Tweedale, Graham Glass, Jno. Williams, S. Tackabury, J. Powell, Thos. Powell, Joshua Irvine, Willet Niles, Geo. Anderson, D. F. Sutherland, Jno. H. Bell, Jno. A. McKellar, Thos. Evans, D. J. Campbell, Edwin Bostwick, George Nelson, John Dranger, Henry Beltz, Peter McMartin, Jas. Lindsay, M. F. McTaggart, Jno. Phillips, and P. M.s Thos. Winnett and Richard Wigmore affiliated. The following officers were elected for 1867, viz.: Rd. Booth, W. M.; A. Wallace, Sen. War.; Graham Glass, Jr. War.; Jno. Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; Jas. Heron, Tyler. A Ball and Supper was held in commemoration of St. John's Day, which proved a great success, as there was a return of some $6.00 each to the Lodges interested, St. Georges' 42, Kilwinning 64, and St. John's No. 20.

A resolution was passed in Jan., 1867, forbidding the use of Lodge funds for the purchase of refresh-



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ments, but that instead a small sum should be contributed by the brethren for that purpose to the stewards. A motion was also adopted preventing the Lodge room from being used for any purpose except that for which it was dedicated, and St. Georges' and Kilwinning Lodges were notified of the action, as they met in the same Hall. A grant of $10.00 was made to relieve distressed Masons in Georgia, who were stated to be suffering for the common necessaries of life. The Lodge room was ordered to be papered and painted at an expense of $130, the expense to be shared equally between the three Lodges. A lot was also purchased in St. Paul's Cemetery for the burial of Masons, the three Lodges paying equal proportions. A petition was adopted in Dec., granting a petition for a new Lodge to be called "Tuscan." A Dinner was held on St. John's Day, and the tickets fixed at $2.00. The following officers were elected for 1868, viz.: Jas. Moffat, W. M.; Graham Glass, Sen. War.; M. D. Dawson, Jr. War.; Jno. Smart, Treas.; J. H. Bell, Sec.; Jas. Heron, Tyler. The following members were added: Wm. McBride, D. A. McArthur, T. H. Bollen, Robt. Orr, R. J. C. Dawson, Wm. Dodd, Robt. Smith, John Phillips, John McBride, E. Pavey, M. Mulcahy, Robt. Wallace, Jas. Webster, and James Taylor.

1868 and 1869.—The Lodge was making good progress, as in the past, and accumulating funds; peace and harmony reigned within its borders, and not a single discordant element of the past was ever referred to. Referring to the record of the historian, we find that he reports the very opposite in 209, and the trouble appeared to be in their own family. They were like the Kilkenny cats. Insubordination and disunion were the prevailing characteristics of their meetings. A new element had arisen among their young members, as in years past, of being connected with a Grand Lodge 3000 miles away. They could see no sense in it, and desired the cancellation of the old Warrant and a new Warrant taken out, holding allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Canada. He charges some of the troubles on the part of the opponents of 209 and the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada. That is most unjust, for there is not upon the records of 20 a single sentence for several years bearing upon the old troubles, and I think the same can be said of the other Canadian Lodges. They were certainly innocent of the many crimes charged. He says:

"The Lodge collars, jewels, aprons and other property were surreptitiously abstracted from their Hall, the windows broken and other indignities offered. This state of affairs existed for some time, the Grand Lodge of Canada making no effort to heal the breach or condemn such unmasonic conduct on the part of its adherents."

House breaking and robbery are very serious charges, but here we have it, and made against innocent men without a particle of evidence. Such a charge is a disgrace that there can be no excuse or palliation for.

Tuscan Lodge was admitted to the Masonic Hall, to pay their proportion of the expenses and due share of the furniture. The Grand Lodge was to be held in London, July of this year, for the first time, and the committee appointed to entertain them reported that St. George's No. 42, Kilwinning 64, and St. John's 20, be asked to subscribe $200 each, and Tuscan Lodge $100. Our $200 was granted by resolution in April. The St. John's Day celebration committee of last year reported a deficiency which was at once paid by this Lodge. The celebration committee, by request of the Grand Lodge, abandoned their proposed banquet, which saved a very large amount of money to the Lodges. The total amount of expense of entertainment was a little less than $150, which was easily met. The Secretary reported this year a membership of sixty-two; cash on hand, $425.07; and the total assets of the Lodge, $884.12.

In December, the Committee on the celebration of St. John's Day reported that it was their intention to have a Ball at the Tecumseh House—tickets, $4.00.

The election of officers for 1869 were: Graham Glass, W. M.; M. D. Dawson, Sen. War.; Wm. McBride, Jr. War.; R. J. C. Dawson, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; John H. Bell, Secretary; and James Heron, Tyler.

At the regular meeting in January, the Ball Committee reported a deficiency of $76.37, this Lodge ordering their proportion to be paid. In November, a special meeting was called to consider a communication from the Grand Lodge, ordering a special communication of that body in Montreal on the 1st December, to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary in view of the recent rebellion and secession of certain Lodges and brethren in the Province of Quebec within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and for the transaction of all business arising therefrom. The W. M. having declined to be a delegate, the Senior Warden was appointed, with instructions to vote as his judgment dictated. At the regular meeting in December, he made a report of the action of Grand Lodge in regard to the seceding brethren, which has now become a matter of history.

The following officers were elected for 1870, viz.: M. D. Dawson, W. M.; Wm. McBride, S. W.; R. J. C. Dawson, J. W.; Henry Beltz, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; J. H. Bell, Secretary; James Heron, Tyler.

A Dinner was given this year on St. John's Day at the Revere House, which proved a success. The following members were received during the foregoing two years, viz.; Jno. Fleming, Thos. P. Hall, Thos. Stiles, Henry J. Brown, Jno. Jackson, David Donaldson, Paul Phipps, Michael Gray, H. F. McDonald, D. McTavish, Mark Burgess, Wm. Kollmeyer, Richard Luxton, Alex. McLean, Thos. Friendship, Martin H. Ferguson, Jas. Perkin, Hector Purcell, Alex. Craib, Edward Winnett, Geo. A. Ferguson, Geo. Moorhead, and Geo. Mason Smith.

1870.—The Lodge continued very prosperous, and the utmost harmony prevailed. The Auditors presented their annual report in January, showing a balance of cash on hand of $632.18, and a net increase in membership of seven. The Secretary's salary was also increased to $30.00. The lease of the Lodge-room in the "Albion" buildings having expired last November, the W. M. appointed Rt. Wor. Bro. Moffat, P. M. Bro. G. Glass, and the Sen. Warden as a Committee to make arrangements with the Huron & Erie Savings and Loan Co. for a suitable Lodge Room in their new building. In November, the Committee reported on the new Lodge-room, and were empowered to secure the rooms in unison with the other Lodges, if possible; and, if they failed to

secure the co-operation of the other Lodges, to make a contract for a ten-years' lease for this Lodge. In December, the W. M. was authorized to sign a lease for ten years, at $125.00 per annum, free of taxes.

The W M. appointed Jas. Moffat, Thos. Winnett and Jas. Lindsay a committee to take into consideration and report as to the possibility of forming a Masonic Mutual Assurance Society, on a similar plan to the R. R. Mutual Ass. Ass. From that action sprung the present Masonic Insurance Ass. of this city, which has paid out to the widows and orphans of Masons nearly a million of dollars.

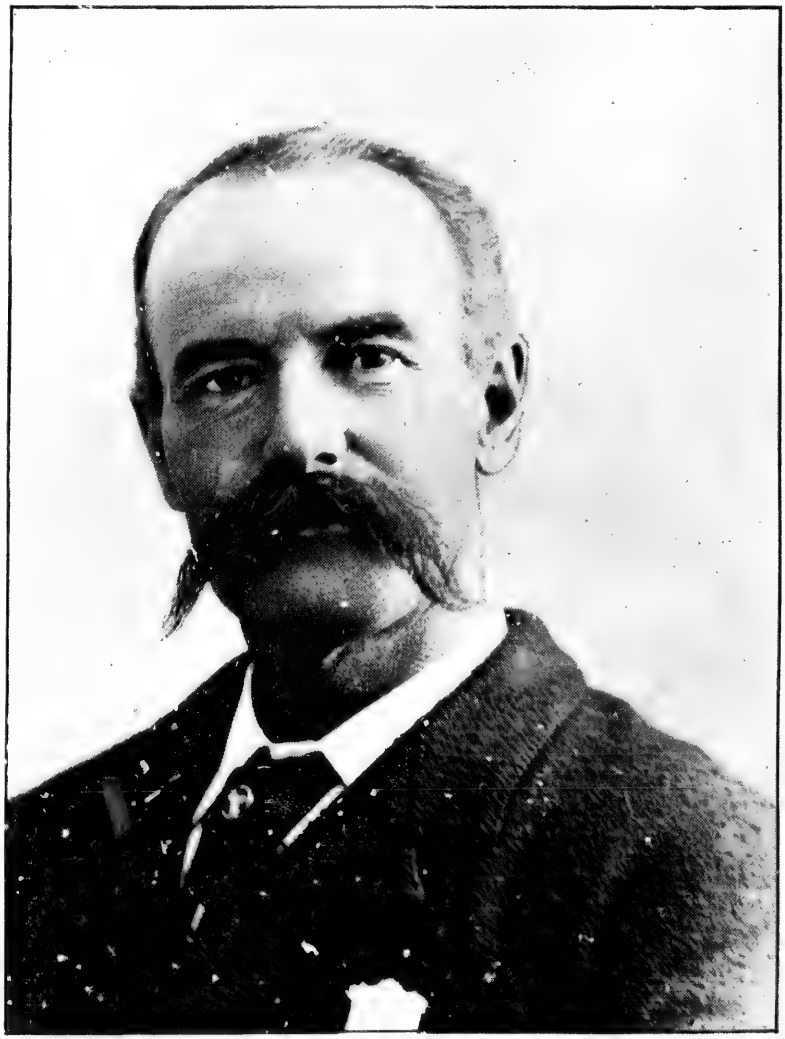
The following officers were elected for 1871, viz: Wm. McBride, W. M.; Robt. Wallace, Sen. War.; Jas. Lindsay, Jr. War.; Geo. Morehead, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; J. H. Bell, Sec., and James Heron, Tyler. The following members were added: Robt. Jas. Darvill, F. C. Shaw, H. L. Kifner, Wm. Henry Fitzgerald, Chas. F. Ayars, Wm. R. Hobbs, John Wright, Wm. Horner, Wm. Scott, Moses Meyer, Wr Belton and A. B. Greer.

1871 - 1880.

THIS was a very prosperous period for Masonry in London, more especially for this Lodge. The attendance at our meetings was very large, the membership increased, and the funds of the Lodge were advanced. So far as we were concerned, we had no desire for further contention with the men who had gone out from us, and had striven in vain to injure the standing of the old Lodge. Any application that was made for our jewels, records, and other property, was simply treated with that contempt which it deserved. But they were not at peace among themselves. They took in members at a cheap rate, and many of them proved cheap men, and they soon had what the historian calls "malcontents" in their own family. The old Warrant, and the distant Grand Lodge, and perhaps some bad Irish blood, bred discontent, and there was such a division among themselves, that finally they decided, as was done many years before, to give up the old Warrant—this time for good—and to fix it so that it would never have another resurrection. On the 17th April, 1872, a motion was adopted to that effect,

but not unanimously as formerly, still they succeeded in cancelling the Warrant, and in July of the same year got a Warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada. They were exceedingly anxious to retain the same number, so that they could claim veneration, but there was a 209 in existence, under the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the best that could be done was to attach a small "a" after the figures, so as not to have a duplicate, and the "a" cuts a very small figure, but the 209 has often served to boom the Lodge. They have also continued the same working as under the old Irish Warrant as 20, under a similar permit as that obtained by Lodge No. 14 in 1856, while theirs is dated 1872—some sixteen years after. Much capital was made out of this permit, and being published as a fly-leaf in their By-laws it has done its work, but, like all other spasmodic booms, now sleeps in oblivion. In 1874 they were received in the new Hall, over the Huron and Erie Loan Co'y, and have met in the same building with the other Lodges ever since. Before the close of this period, the foundation stone of the present Masonic Temple was laid by M. W. Bro. Henderson, which is to-day a credit to the fraternity of this city, and is entirely owned and operated by them.

In January, 1871, P. M. Bro. Thos. Winnett reported the formation of the Masonic Mutual Benefit



BRO. WM. GEARY, P. M.

Association, and circulated to the members a copy of the By-laws by which it was governed. In April, Bro. J. H. Bell received his demit, as he was about leaving the city, and P. M. Bro. M. D. Dawson was asked to take his place as Secretary of the Lodge. Bro. Bell went to Manitoba, and subsequently became the Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, and an eminently successful business man. In September, a Board of Benevolence was organized by the various Lodges, which has existed ever since, and done much good work in alleviating distress and dispensing charity. In October, the Lodge appropriated $100 for the assistance of brother Masons who were sufferers by the late disastrous fire in Chicago. The W. M., Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a committee to see the money properly distributed. The following month the amount for the same purpose was still further increased. The officers elected for 1872 were: Robt. Wallace, W. M.; Jas. Lindsay, Sr. War.; Wm. Kollmeyer, Jr. War.; R. Booth, Chap.; Jno. Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and Jas. Heron, Tyler. The members received were: J. D. McLeay, Thos. Elliott, John George, John Heath, Jas. H. McKay, John A. White, F. H. Coles, John A. Somerville, D. E. Morden, Wm. Elliott, F. H. Mitchell, E. McGloghlon, and R. J. Evans.

Early in 1872, the minutes of a Masonic Conference, held in Montreal, in September, 1871, was read, giving a detail of the concessions made by the Grand Lodge of Canada towards the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the resolutions arrived at by the joint committees from both bodies, which having been submitted to the Grand Lodge of Quebec were rejected by that body, and resolutions passed in their stead which were insulting to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and so humiliating in their terms towards the loyal Lodges in that Province as to make their acceptance impossible, without the loss of self-respect. This year the session of Grand Lodge was held in Hamilton, and the W. M., Jr. War. and Secretary were sent as delegates. The auditors presented their statement, and, notwithstanding the large outlay in furnishing the new Hall, reported a balance of cash in the treasury of $722.88.

A large excursion was arranged by joint committees from the different Lodges in July, for a visit to Cleveland, the Lodges guaranteeing to make up any deficiency in the expenses. A fine boat from Detroit was chartered, but it was not patronized as it should have been, and the Secretary reported in August from the committee, a failure both numerically and financially, the members of the committee having been compelled to give their joint notes for about

$1,100. The Lodge gave a grant of $250 to aid the committee in liquidating the debt.

The officers elected for 1873 were: Wm. Kollmeyer, W. M.; Rd. Luxton, Sr. War.; F. H. Mitchell, Jr. War.; P. M., J. K. Clare, Chap.; John Smart, Treas.; P. M., M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and Jas. Heron, Tyler. The following members were received: A. A. McArthur, L. Smith, R. Corcoran, A. K. Thompson, J. W. Nesbitt, John Stevenson, Henry Dreaney, S. A. Farley, Samuel Hueston, A. W. Brown, George Scatcherd, James Kernohan, William Fradd, and F. Chittick.

In 1873, on motion of Bro. Robt. Wallace, the By-laws were amended, increasing the initiation fee to $25, and giving the candidates a M. M.'s apron when he had received the third degree, and the fee has remained at that figure ever since. A committee was also appointed to devise ways and means for the erection of a Masonic Hall. The Committee reported progress, and that was all they ever did. The Grand Masters issued an edict of non-intercourse with Masons from the State of Maine, on account of improper resolutions passed by that body with reference to the existing troubles with the Grand Lodge of Quebec. The officers elected for 1874 were Rd. Luxton, W.M.; H. L. Kifner, Sen. War.; John Wright, Jr. War.; Rd. Booth, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson,

Sec., and James Heron, Tyler. The following members were received: Frank Stiles, James R. Kay, J. H. R. Moore, Thos. Geo. Lowe, and W. T. Rutherford.

1874.—This year the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Quebec was cancelled.

In July, Wor. Bro. McPhail, of St. John's Lodge 209[a], made application on behalf of that Lodge for permission to meet in this room. It was carried unanimously, and referred to the finance committee to complete arrangements. Bro. McPhail thanked the Lodge for their unanimous vote.

The following officers were elected for 1875: H. L. Kifner, W. M.; John Wright, Sen. War.; A. B. Greer, Jr. War.; P. M., R. Booth, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; P. M., M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. $25 was granted from the funds of the Lodge for the purchase of a suitable tertimonial to be presented to our late Tyler, James Heron. The following members were received: Jas. H. Stanton, Jas. Grant, Levi Hale, Isaac Nicholson, Wm. H. Taylor, Jas. Furey, Peter McKellar, Joseph Johnson, Robt. Milton Stephenson, Chas. A. Hillyard, Jas. Morrison, D. N. Mitchell, Wilmot Wood, Geo. Wrigley, John Smith, Edward Granger, Jas. Burridge, Henry B. Gahan, Samuel Sloan, Hugh McDonald, and Wm. McCadden.

1875.—In May of this year the celebrated "Eden Lodge" was instituted at the regular meeting, May 11th. The following preamble and resolution was moved by P. M. Bro. M. D. Dawson, seconded by Bro. Jas. Morrison, and *Carried unanimously*:

"That whereas, we have learned with regret that a number of over-zealous Masons are endeavoring to establish a new Masonic Lodge in the City of London, to be called 'Eden Lodge'; and that, as we consider that there are a sufficient number of lodges now in the city to supply all the wants of Craft Masonry, and more than our present population warrants, be it therefore

"*Resolved*, that the M. W., the Grand Master, be requested not to grant the dispensation asked for, as we consider that in place of being productive of good to Masonry, it will be a permanent injury to the Lodges now working in London."

At the regular meeting in June, the following communication was received:

To the W. M., Wardens, Officers and Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C.:

DEAR BRETHREN,—

I am instructed by resolution of the United Finance Committee, lessees of the Hall, that on the evening of the 19th of May, application was made to V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, chairman, by the Rt. W. the D. D. G. M. for the keys of this Hall, for the purpose of instituting a new Lodge called "Eden." Bro. Lewis informed Bro. McGloghlon that he could not do so unless he either procured the sanction of the Lodges or a written order from the Masters of the five Lodges authorizing him as

Chairman of the Finance Committee, to allow them the use of this Hall. He refused to comply with this request. Rt. W. Bro. W. D McGloghlon at the same time stated that if the keys were not delivered to him he would gain admission in some other way. He also called upon W. Bro. Baxter, of Kilwinning Lodge, and a member of the Finance Committee, and demanded the keys from him, which he also refused, stating that he had no authority for such a proceeding, and referred him to the chairman of the Committee. In reply, Rt. Wor. Bro. McGloghlon stated that if he did not get the keys he would break the doors in.

This threat, although not literally carried out, still, by the aid of false keys and other means, this brother, with a number of others, effected an entrance to the Hall, lit the gas, and used it contrary to the wish of the Finance Committee and, we believe, the Lodges owning the Hall.

The following are resolutions passed in open Lodges last November for the government of the Finance Committee, under whose control the Hall has been placed.

In St John's Lodge, No. 20:

"Moved by Wor. Bro. Winnett, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. K. Clare, that in future this Hall be not granted for any purpose other than that of Masonry, and that the Finance Committee be instructed accordingly.—*Carried.*"

In Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64:

"Moved by Bro T. Brock, seconded by Wor. Bro. H. A. Baxter, that the chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized not to give the use of this Hall for other than Masonic purposes, and not even then without the signatures of the W. M.s of the several Blue Lodges now meeting in this Hall.—*Carried unanimously.*"

By order,

M. D. DAWSON, *Sec. Fin Com.*

V W. BRO. JOS. HOOK.

On motion, a resolution was carried unanimously endorsing the action taken by P. M. Bro. R. Lewis in refusing to surrender the keys of the Lodge Room without the proper authority.

A resolution was also adopted condemning the unreasonable and unmasonic conduct of the members of Eden Lodge. It was also decided to use every effort to endeavor to prevent the Grand Lodge from granting them a warrant to work, and to petition to that effect. The following letter was also read, and the request asked for laid over until after the action of Grand Lodge.

To the W. M., Officers and Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A M.:

As Master of, and on behalf of "Eden Lodge," U. D., I beg leave to apply to your Lodge for permission for said Eden Lodge to meet in this Masonic Hall.

W. W. FITZGERALD,
W. M. Eden Lodge, U. D.

8th June, 1875.

On motion of P. M., M. D. Dawson, this Lodge petitioned Grand Lodge to grant concurrent jurisdiction to Corinthian Lodge, now working U. D. in London East.

The Grand Lodge at its session refused to grant a Charter to Eden Lodge, and the result was that Eden Lodge then started a Grand Lodge of their own,

and called it the "Grand Lodge of Ontario." Clandestine Masons then sprang up from back-yards, and from behind barn-doors, and Masonry received a damaging blow in this locality that it has hardly yet recovered from.

Wor. Bro. Booth was reported in November in failing health, and a subscription was raised to assist him and send him to the South, which the Lodge increased to $200 by a unanimous vote. Each of the Lodges in the city gave a grant to this object, for which this Lodge felt very grateful.

The following officers were elected for 1876 viz.: John Wright, W. M.; A. B. Greer, Sen. War.; Henry Dreaney, Jr. War.; A. W. Brown, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were admitted: Thos. Tanton, Jas. H. Wilson, Wm. McBroom, Geo. Hunt and C. B. Slater.

1876.—The M. W., the Grand Master issued an edict suspending a number of city Masons for belonging to the so-called Ontario Grand Lodge. No doubt that "thirst for office" had considerable influence over the misguided men. Only one member of this Lodge was included in the edict, viz.: George Wrigley, and, upon motion, he was declared a suspended member of this Lodge.

The Financial Statement this year showed a balance of cash in Bank, after paying all liabilities, of $1,060.30.

In May, letters were read by the Secretary from Philanthropic Lodge, No. 78, Yorkville, S. C., also from the W. M. of that Lodge, giving full particulars of the last illness and death of P. M. Bro. Booth. The Masons of that town did everything that could be done to alleviate his sufferings, and after death conducted the funeral with appropriate Masonic ceremonies. The roll was also forwarded with seal of the Lodge attached. On motion, Rt. Wor. Bro. Moffat, W. M., Sen. War. and Sec. were made a committee to draw up some suitable acknowledgment in shape of letters or testimonial to the brothers of Philanthropic Lodge for their fraternal kindness. The other City Lodges united with us in this work of acknowledgment. Under the supervision of this committee, a very handsome memorial was engrossed and framed and forwarded to the Lodge in South Carolina.

A good deal of discussion was had during the year with reference to the investment of our spare cash, some wanting loan stocks, others put out at interest. Finally it was put into the "Agricultural Investment and Savings Society of London," upon call at 6 per cent. A few months later a motion was

adopted by which 50 shares were taken in the stock of the new Masonic Temple about to be erected in the city, the shares being $20 each, and in October a draft was drawn for the $1,000 to pay it up, so as to take advantage of the 6 per cent. interest over and above the first installment, which was allowed by the By-laws.

The following officers were elected for 1877: A. B. Greer, W. M.; Henry Dreaney, Sen. War.; Levi Hale, Jr. War.; John Sharman, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: Robt. Geary, Alfred Cummings, E. R. Robinson, John Burton, John Lapthorne, Albert Thorne, John McMurphy, Charles Guest, E. R. Talbot, John C. Bailey, Jas. H. Tennent, Chas. Holmes, Jno. Munro, and Bro. E. W. Hyman was re-instated.

1877.—In January of this year the following letter way received from "Philanthropic Lodge, No. 78," South Carolina:

"Yorkville, S. C., Dec. 27th, 1876.

M. D. DAWSON, *Sec. St. John's Lodge, No. 20.;*

Also Bros. John Wright, Jas. Moffat and A. B. Greer, Committee.

BRETHREN,—At the last regular communication of Philanthropic Lodge, No. 78, A. F. & A. M., South Carolina, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, to wit.;

Whereas the members of St. John's Lodge, No. 20; St. Georges' Lodge, No. 42; Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64; Tuscan Lodge, No 195, and St. John's Lodge No. 209(a), London, Ont., have unitedly presented to this Lodge a chaste Testimonial of their fraternal appreciation of the Masonic care and attention bestowed by the Lodge upon Bro. Richard Booth, who died at Yorkville, April 16th, 1876. Be it therefore *Resolved*:

1st. That this Lodge accept with pleasure this beautiful Memorial from our brethren in Canada, and that the Hall Committee be instructed to make arrangements for its proper display on the walls of the Lodge Room.

2nd. That a Committee of four, including the W. M., be appointed to make suitable acknowledgment to the brethren in London, Ont., of the receipt of the Memorial.

In discharging the pleasant duties thus entrusted to us, we feel, brethren, that you have placed us under a double obligation. You have given us not only a beautiful ornament to our Lodge Room, but an abiding witness to the best feature of our Mystic Order. To our members and visiting brethren it will serve as an eloquent lecture upon the universality of Masonry, and give imperishable assurance of a brotherly love not limited to kindred, race or people Thus appreciating your gift, we will preserve it with scrupulous care, and cherish the memory that has brought you and us together.

Gratefully and fraternally yours,

N. CAVARD, W. M.
JNO. C. KUYKENDAL.
J. F. WALLACE,
J. ED. JEFFREYS.

The foregoing was read in all our city Lodges.

The financial standing of the Lodge this year showed cash on hand $279.03, besides Masonic Temple Stock of $1,000. The usual half-yearly grant of $25 was given to the Board of Benevolence. In November, a report was made of the standing of the Masonic Temple Company, and a cheque handed in of $60 in full of interest due the Lodge on their Stock. Twenty more shares were taken of the Stock, which was purchased from an outsider at a discount of $30. Twenty dollars was granted to a brother in distress.

The following officers were elected for 1878, viz.: Henry Dreaney, W. M.; Levi Hale, Sr. War.; Dr. F. H. Mitchell, Jr. War.; John Sharman, Chap.; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. A church service was held in commemoration of St. John's Day, and the collection, amounting to $36.35, handed over to the Benevolent Board. The following members were received: Donald McMillan, Chas. Chapman, John F. Brown, Jos. Hook, Geo. Bawden, Wm. F. Wigmore, Wm. Wyatt, Hamilton Buchanan, and Richard Potter.

1878.—The funeral of the late E. W. Hyman, which took place in April, was one of the largest ever seen in London, was conducted with Masonic ceremonies. The band of the 7th Battalion was in attendance, by order of the Lodge.

BRO. JAMES DUNN, P.M.

In July, the Trustee of the Masonic Temple Stock for this Lodge, P. M. Bro. Graham Glass, informed the Lodge that he had purchased the ten shares, $200 worth of Stock, for $179.50, and therefore returned to the Lodge $19.50 of the grant given for that purpose. In September, Bro. Glass informed the Lodge that he had purchased five more shares Masonic Temple Stock at a discount of $12, which action was endorsed by vote of the Lodge. A cheque for $42 interest on Stock was also paid in by the Trustee.

In September, the Secretary of the Lodge suffered a very severe loss by the destruction of his business by fire. At the next regular meeting the Lodge, with its usual liberalty, and in the absence of the Brother through sickness, made him a grant of $100 by a unanimous vote. It elicited no discussion, and was a delicate and generous act on the part of the Lodge that the writer can never forget.

The following officers were elected for 1879, viz.: Levi Hale, W. M.; F. H. Mitchell, Sr. War.; Wm. McCadden, Jr. War.; R. F. Dixon, Chap.; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: Geo. Plaxton, Wm. De Podesta, Wm. Hooper, Scott Murray, Wm. Mathie, Richard Whetter, John Tanton, Peter H. Attwood, Rd. Ferguson Dixon, and James Dunn.

1879.—In February, the Secretary presented the Financial Statement of the standing of the Lodge, showing assets amounting to $2,365.28. P. M. Bro. H. Dreaney was presented with a Past Master's Jewel, as a mark of appreciation from the Brethren of the Lodge. In March, a charge was preferred against the Secretary by Bro. Thomas Brown, of Kilwinning Lodge, an ex-Alderman of the city, for "violation of his obligation as a Mason, by permitting an article to appear in the *Evening Herald* (of which he is the proprietor) calculated to injure him in the estimation of the citizens." A meeting of emergency was called to try the case, with Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Moffat as presiding officer. The article in question was read, and, upon motion, a committee of three were appointed to retire with the two brothers at variance to see if some settlement of the dispute could not be arrived at. The W. M. appointed a Past Master of Kilwinning Lodge and two Past Masters of this Lodge, but their efforts at a settlement were futile. The trial then went on, and resulted in the charge being dismissed, by a unanimous vote. The case was then appealed to the D. D. G. M., and finally to the Grand Lodge, but resulted in each case in dismissal. In May, a letter was read from Bro. Wrigley, expressing regret at being associated with the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, and asking to

be restored to his former rights and privileges. The request was granted. Rt. Wor. Bro. Jas. Moffat and Bro. John Smart, Treas., were made honorary members of this Lodge, with all the rights and privileges. The Board of Benevolence presented their semi-annual report, showing an expenditure of $316.48 in charity. The usual half-yearly grant of $25 was made to the Board. Fifteen more shares were ordered to be taken in the Masonic Temple Company, by resolution of P. M. Bro. Dreaney. An application was read from Union Lodge, No. 280, asking for the use of this Hall for their regular meetings, agreeing to pay their proportion of the assessed value of the furniture, as well as their porportion of future expenses. The request was granted. P. M. Bro. Glass gave the standing of the Masonic Temple Company, and the position of this Lodge, which was very satisfactory. On motion of P. M. Bro. Dawson, $100 was ordered to be paid on the Stock of the Temple Company.

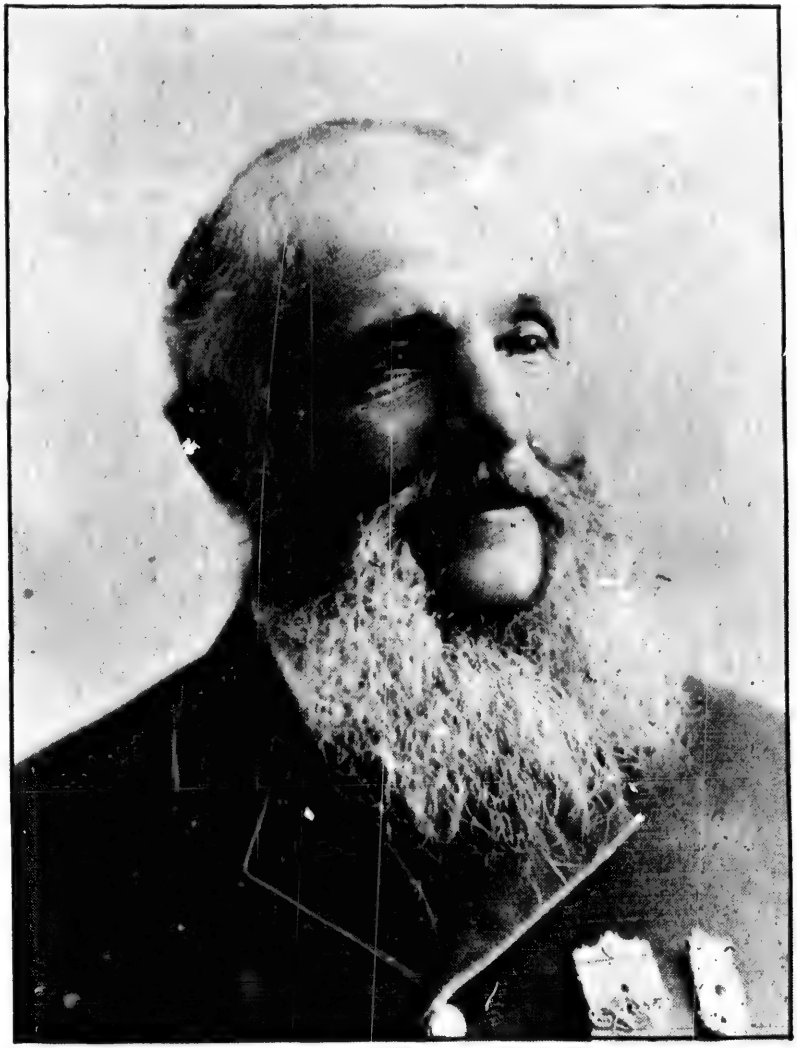
The following officers were elected for 1880, viz.: F. H. Mitchell, W. M.; Wm. McCadden, Sr. War.; Thos. G. Lowe, Jr. War.; P. H. Attwood, Chap.; Jno. Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: John Hollingsworth, Jacob Dehart, Herbert Wyllie, Leslie Eckley, Stephen King, Jas. Alex. McMillan, Henry Macklin, Thos. Flyn, Henry Jones, Benj. Southin,

Rd. E. Taylor, Josh. Garratt, Alfred Goldsmith, and Alfred McFadden.

1880.—A Church service was held on last St. John's Day, and the net proceeds of the collection, $31.50, was handed over to the Board of Benevolence. Tne funeral of the late Mark Burgess, formerly a member of this Lodge, was attended by the Brethren in a body, and interred with Masonic honors. P. M. Bro. Graham Glass tendered his resignation as Trustee of the Temple Stock, as he was leaving the City, and the Treasurer was appointed in his place. A complimentary vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Glass for his hearty interest in the Lodge, and a P. M's Jewel as a memento of the esteem in which he was held by the entire membership. On motion of P. M. Bro. Greer, the sum of $50 was granted for expenses in laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple.

The following officers were elected for 1881, viz.: Wm. McCadden, W. M.; T. G. Lowe, Sr. War.; Robt. Geary, Jr. War.; P. H. Attwood, Chap.; John Smart, Treas.; P. M., M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received, viz.: L. B. Young, Geo. Tambling, Jno. Sussex, A. E. Hourd, Jas. McMartin, Jas. McNab, Jos. W. Hook, William Weld, A. H. Graydon, Geo. Shaw, George Mortimore, Herbert Wylie, Joseph Doan, Alfred

McFadden, A. M. Frederick, George Gruber, John Footitt, Joseph H. Marshall, R. W. Jackson, W. A. Cooper, Geo. Clark, A. S. Cox, and A. Turnbull.



BRO. J. H. WILSON, P. M.

1881 - 1890.

WITHIN this period the new Masonic Temple was completed and furnished. A commutation law was established for the benefit of the membership, and the Lodge continued to prosper. The membership increased, and the finances of the Lodge steadily improved. We were getting in the very best class of men as members, and harmony and good will to all mankind prevailed, especially among the brotherhood. We were not, however, destined to live in peace. A last and final demand was made from 209[a] for our Jewels and old Records, which was filed, and in 1883 they appealed to the Grand Lodge of Canada, and sent a large deputation of their strongest men and best wire-pullers to Ottawa to accomplish their purpose. They did succeed in getting the committee on "Appeals and Grievances" to make a report very favorable to their case, which was presented to the Grand Lodge by the chairman of the "Board of General Purposes," but a substitute to the report came from the representatives of this Lodge on the floor of Grand Lodge, with a short and concise history of both Lodges, and the members of Grand Lodge, with that sense of justice

which has always characterized Masons, took the side of right, and the substitute for the report of the committee was adopted almost unanimously, and the telegrams of congratulation forwarded the day previously had to be amended. Notwithstanding all this, it is surprising how ready the "Historian" was to distort the facts. In his record of 1883 he says "that Lodge No. 20 had been ordered by Grand Lodge to produce and hand over to 209 a certified copy of its old records." This is not true, nor is it anything like the truth. The resolution adopted by Grand Lodge said "that St. John's Lodge, No. 20, should *not* be be deprived of the Jewels and Books of Record, and other papers now in possession of 20, but that said Lodge be respectfully requested to give St. John's Lodge 209[a] a certified copy of the old records." More than that the same brother, as secretary of 209[a], wrote as polite a letter as he knew how, which was read at the regular meeting upon the 14th Aug., asking 20 for a certified copy of the old records. It was a request, not an order, and was in accordance with the letter and spirit of the resolution prepared by the writer and adopted by Grand Lodge. Had it been peremptory and mandatory it would most certainly have been resented.

Peace was again apparently restored, and for some years nothing cropped up until 1887, after the publi-

cation of what purported to be a History of St. John's Lodge 209, taken from the records supplied gratuitously by this Lodge, but which was full of misrepresentation and abuse. It bore evidence of a final attempt to boom 209[a] at the expense of a Sister Lodge. They purchased paraphernalia and a large trunk, and published themselves as the only Irish Lodge in the country permitted to do that work, and paraded the country between Detroit and Toronto, making such an exhibition of Masonry as has not been seen in primitive times. The daily papers were used, and insinuations and reflections cast upon this Lodge by a member of that Lodge who was *the city editor*, and publicly stated that we had no authority to do the Irish work. Finally, some of the younger members of Lodge No. 20 took the matter up and insisted upon an appeal to the Grand Lodge for protection, which resulted in the whole matter being finally settled by that body; the Grand Master of that year going through the entire history of both Lodges, and rendering a decision, endorsed by Grand Lodge, which is clear, able and decisive, and well worthy of careful reading.

1881.—In April, P. M., Bro. M. D. Dawson presented the following motion, notice of which had been previously given, and which has been the law ever since:

"That a member of this Lodge in good standing for five years, on the payment of $30 and all arrears of dues to date of such payment, shall be exempt during life of any further fees and dues; any member of ten consecutive years' standing, $20 and all arrears; any member of fifteen consecutive years' standing, $10 and all arrears; and any member of twenty consecutive years' standing, $5 and all arrears. All such members shall be subject only to liability to Masonic censure and punishment other than the non-payment of dues. The Lodge not to remit all or any part of such payment in commutation of dues under any circumstances whatever."

The united committee on leasing and furnishing the new Temple reported that they had offered $450 per annum, that sum to include water supply and Janitor's services. That had been accepted by the directors. The action of the committee was unanimously sustained, and John Smart's name ordered placed in the lease as representative of this Lodge.

Past Masters F. H. Mitchell and M. D. Dawson were sent as representatives to the Grand Lodge in Hamilton. In September, $200 was granted the furnishing committee from this Lodge.

The following officers were elected for 1882, viz.: Robt. Geary, W. M.; Jos. Hook, Sen. War.; Jas. Dunn, Jr. War.; Thos. Stiles, Chaplain; John Smart, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received, viz.: Alex. Murray, Jas. Wyatt, Geo. Elliott, John Taylor, Benj.

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Noble, E. H. Grenfell, Peter H. Watson, P. J. Edmunds, E. J. McRoberts and J. B. Hicks.

1882.—In February $100 more was granted to the Furnishing Committee. The Financial Report for this year showed assets of $3,178.88, and cash on hand of $328.88. The report of the Committee on dedication of the new Hall showed that $628.75 had been received, and $493.12 expended, leaving $135.63 to the good, which was also placed to the credit of the Furnishing Committee.

In June, P. M. Bro. Wright lost his wife, and a letter of condolence was ordered sent to him, expressing the heart-felt sympathy of the members of this Lodge in his hour of sorrow. The usual grant of $25 was made to the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Jno. Smart resigned his position, as he was leaving the city, and an engrossed address was presented him. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Masonic Temple Co., it was decided to increase the stock to $35,000, and that a call of 10 per cent. be made. A motion to increase our interest to $3,000 did not prevail. Bro. Jos. Hook, a young man of promise and highly respected by all the members of the Lodge, was cut off in his youth. He was interred with Masonic honors. A suitable letter of condolence was prepared and presented to his father, Bro. Jos. Hook,

who was Sen. War. of the Lodge. The officers elected for 1883 were: Jos. Hook, W. M.; Jas. Dunn, Sen. War.; Jas. H. Wilson, Jr. War.; Jos. Johnson, Chaplain; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The members received during the year were: John Fairgrieve, R. A. Johnston, Jas. H. Herrick, Alex M. Tait, R. Stevenson, D. W. Blackwell, Rd. Elson, R. C. Vause, F. Thos. Enoy, Thos. Clark, Wm. Gordon, John Smith, P. H. Watson, Thos. Hicks, E. J. McRoberts, Wm. Gerry, Rd. H. Crump, J. B. Harris, Thos. C. Hook, Ed. West, P. Duguid and Wm. Greenwood.

1883.—P. M. Bro. Winnett passed away and was interred with Masonic honors, the Band of the 7th Fusiliers being in attendance. A P. M.'s Jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Geary by the W. M. from the Lodge, and a similar one to P. M. Bro. Wright. Both brothers expressed their thanks in appropriate and suitable terms.

At the regular meeting in May, a communication was read from the secretary of St. John's Lodge 209[a], preferring a claim for the Jewels and Records of this Lodge which they assert belongs to them, stating that "this Lodge had illegally and unjustly held in our possession for some years past." Communication, on motion, was not received.

Wor. Bro. Jos. Hook and P. M. Bro. M. D. Dawson were appointed to represent the interests of this Lodge at the session of Grand Lodge at Ottawa.

At an emergency meeting, held on the 24th July, the delegates from the Grand Lodge presented a full and detailed report of their actions as representatives. I extract from the minutes:

"The demand made by St. John's Lodge No. 209[a] for the Jewels and Records was referred to the Board of General Purposes, and by them to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances. The defence prepared by the representatives from this Lodge contained extracts from the records from the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada down to the year 1864, showing conclusively that this Lodge was the only legitimate descendant of 209, I. R., and that the entire property and records of that old Lodge, now held by this Lodge, was rightfully the property of St. John's Lodge, No. 20. The action of the Grand Lodge upon the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was as follows:

"'That under the circumstances of the case the Board are of opinion that St. John's Lodge, No. 20, should *not* be deprived of the Jewels and Books of Record and other papers now in possession of No. 20, but that said Lodge be respectfully requested to give St. John's Lodge, No. 209[a], a certified copy of the old Records, beginning on the 19th day of August, 1842,

and ending at the regular monthly meeting of July, 1856, if they so desire it.' "

This was adopted by the Grand Lodge by an almost unanimous vote.

" A vote of thanks was unanimously tendered the delegates for the very able manner, and for the great pains and labor they had undertaken in upholding the interests of this Lodge. At the next regular meeting, a communication was read from St. John's Lodge, No. 209[a], asking this Lodge for a copy of the Records of St. John's Lodge 209, from August 19th, 1842, to March 27th, 1855, which, upon motion, was carried. The Secretary volunteered to supply a complete copy of the minutes without expense.

A new lot was procured in Woodland Cemetery for Masonic use, of which our proportion of $21.76 was granted. This was to include sodding and proper care for all time to come.

The following officers were elected for 1884 : Jas. Dunn, W. M. ; Jas. H. Wilson, Sen. War. ; Wm. H. Cooper, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chaplain ; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received, viz. : F. H. Butler, James Rafferty, Geo. Hooper, John Lovell, W. F. McLean, Rd. F. Wilson, Joseph Percival, F. M. Bell-Smith and James D. Peace,

1884.—In January, the Secretary announced that he had completed transcribing the old Records of this Lodge, and asked that a committee should be appointed to read them over, so that they could be certified to by more than one person. P. M. Bro. Hook and the Chaplain, Bro. J. B. Hicks, were appointed a committee to do that work.

The auditors reported:

Paid-up Stock in Temple Co -	$2,000 00
Cash in Bank - - - - - - -	474 96
Estimated value Furniture and Jewels	500 00
Arrears of Dues - - - - - -	691 75
	$3,666 71

They also reported:

"As the arrears of the Lodge were very large, the auditors recommended that delinquents be notified to appear and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Also that Bro. Jno Smart, our late treasurer, having been a member of 25 years' standing, and for a number of years the faithful guardian of the funds of this Lodge, that this Lodge remit the year's dues charged against him and vote him an honorary member for life. We would also recommend that this Lodge present our Secretary with a Past Master's Jewel in recognition of his faithful services to the Lodge."

Report and recommendations adopted unanimously. Bro. Jas. B. Hicks, from the Committee on Records, presented the following report;

"Your committee appointed at last meeting to ascertain the correctness of the minutes as transcribed by this Lodge, from August 19th, 1842, to July 8th, 1856, inclusive, then working under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, beg to report that they have carefully gone over the same and found, with the exception of a few clerical errors, neatly and correctly copied. These errors, having been rectified, we have certified that the said minutes are a true and correct copy of the original. In view of the large amount of time and careful labor such work must have taken, comprising as it does some 750 closely written pages, we venture to express the hope that the sum of $50 be voted to our Bro. Secretary for the same."

The report was adopted.

The W. M. instructed the Inner Guard to ask the Secretary to enter the Lodge. As he approached the altar, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Dewar, by request of the W. M., presented him with a Past Master's Jewel, expressing the desire of long life and continued usefulness to the Craft. M. W. Bro. Moffat, by request, also presented the immediate Past Master, Bro. Jos. Hook, with a similar Jewel for his devotion and services to the Lodge.

The Secretary was instructed to hand the prepared records of 209, from 1842 to July, 1856, to Rt. Wor. Bro. Dewar, which was done in open lodge. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dewar received the Records and thanked the Lodge, trusting the dissensions between the two Lodges now settled for ever. At the regular communi-

cation on March 11th, the following letter was read and ordered to be engrossed upon our minutes :

"*V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, Sec. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C.*

DEAR SIR AND V. W. BRO.,—

I am instructed to forward to St. John's Lodge, No. 20, the following copy of a resolution passed at last regular communication of St. John's Lodge 209(a), viz.:

Moved by Rt. Wor. Bro. Dewar, seconded by Bro. Alex. McDonald,

"That in view of the receipt of a certified copy of the Records of Lodge 209, I. R., from St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C., in compliance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, passed at its last annual communication, and the same having occasioned our sister Lodge 20 considerable outlay, Be it *Resolved*, that St. John's Lodge 209(a) in acknowledging with thanks the neat and business-like manner in which the Records have been prepared by the secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, to express the hope that in the future nothing will occur between the Saints John to occasion the slightest unpleasantness, but on the contrary, that the brethren of both Lodges may be actuated by the noble tenets of the Order in every good work ; that the fraternal feelings entertained by the members towards each other may be lasting in character, and productive of that unity and friendship, without which but little can hope to be attained in spreading the principles of our Order, which has for its guiding star the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

JOHN SIDDONS,

WM. NOBLE, *W. M.* *Sec. St. John's Lodge, No. 209(a).*"

In June the usual grant of $25 was made to the Board of Benevolence.

The following officers were elected for 1885: Jas. H. Wilson, W. M.; Wm. H. Cooper, Sen. War.; Geo. Elliott, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chaplain; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: B. G. Clampitt, Geo. E. Phillips, John Stevenson, Robt. Jas. McKee, Henry West, Geo. C. Keays, Robt. Weir, and Henry Thos. Ford.

1885.—The auditors this year reported: Cash on hand, with paid-up stock and arrears of dues, $3,521.75, and wrote off $50 for deduction on furniture and Jewels. A Past Master's Jewel was presented to P. M. Bro. Jas. Dunn. In May, a cheque for $100 was handed in by the Treasurer as a dividend of 5 per cent. upon our stock in the Temple Co.

In September, the Secretary and P. M. Bro. Dunn were appointed a committee to draw up a letter of condolence to be sent to our W. M. Bro. Jas. H. Wilson, sympathizing with him in his deep affliction, the loss of his daughter. On motion of Bro. Hicks, the following resolution was adopted:

"That for the better efficiency of its working, this Lodge carry out the spirit of the Constitution in the election of its officers, viz.: That they pass a proper examination before in-

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stallation, and, failing this, be subject to the rules governing such cases."

In November, the Secretary was instructed to draw up a letter of sympathy and condolence to Bro. T. Tanton, on the sudden death of his only daughter.

The following officers were elected for 1886: P. M., Bro. A. B. Greer, W. M.; Geo. Elliott, Sen. War.; Jos. H. Marshall, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chaplain; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received, viz.: Martin H. Ferguson, Robt. John Hennessy, John Woods Hunter, John Turnbull and Jas. A. Pool.

1886.—The Auditors' Statement this year showed our assets to be $3,492.24. This amount included arrears of dues and estimated value of Jewels and furniture. $25 was granted from the funds for the purposes of a library, provided the other Lodges granted a similar amount. $25 was also granted to the Board of Benevolence.

The election of officers for 1887 resulted as follows: Geo. Elliott, W. M.; Jos. H. Marshall, Sen. War.; John Fairgrieve, Jr. War.: J. B. Hicks, Chaplain; Ceo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec., and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: John G. Watson, S. H. Marshal, Alonzo

Lucas, Matthew Brown, Alex. Ferguson, John W. Hunter, Geo. W. Plastow, Wm. Connor, David Carroll, John Aitken, Alfred Padfield, Jno. B. Harris, John McDonald, Wm. B. Thornton, Jr., Chas. M. Dawson and John M. Piper.

1887.—The sum of $50 was granted to P. M.s Bros. Hook and Dunn to reimburse them for money expended in protecting a brother of this Lodge, and upholding the good name of this Lodge and Masonry.

The Auditors reported this year assets amounting to $3,684.26, after deducting $50 more from the value of Jewels and furniture.

The Auditors say :

"We would congratulate our brethren of 20 upon the continued prosperity of the Lodge, and the solid financial basis whereon it rests ; its standing in this respect not being equalled by any lodge in the city, and excelled, we believe, but by few in the Dominion. In conclusion, it affords us very great pleasure to testify to the efficient and thoroughly business-like way it which the books are kept by our Secretary, and we are of the opinion that it would be a fitting and graceful act, on the part of this Lodge, to make some suitable recognition to him of his long and faithful services."

The W. M. presented P. M. Bro. A. B. Greer, on behalf of St. John's Lodge, No 20, for his very efficient and faithful services to this Lodge, a beautiful

diamond ring. The sum of $15 was granted to a brother in distress. $19.95 was granted to the Board of Benevolence. The sum of $50 was passed to Casselton Lodge, No. 12, Dakota, for money expended by that Lodge on behalf of Bro. Jas. Wyatt, a member of this Lodge, who lay there in distress and in a dying condition. At the regular meeting in April, Bro. Fairgrieve drew the attention of the members to the fact that articles were appearing in the Lodge column of the "*Free Press*" almost weekly, casting very serious reflections upon this Lodge, and he had been time and again chaffed by outsiders, and he considered it high time that such a course of conduct was put a stop to. It was, therefore, moved by Bro. Jno. Fairgrieve, seconded by P. M. Bro. Jos. Hook, and

"*Resolved*, that the brethren be instructed to communicate with the W. M. of St. John's Lodge 209(a), and ask them if it was by their authority and consent that one of their members had published articles in the daily papers casting reflections and insinuations upon St John's Lodge, No. 20, and asserting that they had not authority to do the Irish Work.—*Carried unanimously.*'

In compliance with the above resolution, the Secretary forwarded the appended letter :

LONDON, ONT., April 14th, 1887.

To the W. M. of St. John's Lodge 209(a):

"DEAR SIR AND WOR. BRO.,—I desire to address you as Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge 209(a) and by instructions of this Lodge. For years past both Lodges have worked together in harmony, and that friendly intercourse which should exist between Masons and Masonic Lodges has existed in a marked degree. It was not always so; discord, contention and strife prevailed many years ago, and Masonry in London, in place of being a society of brothers working together for the good of the cause and one another, was a byword and a reproach. Men of standing and character forsook its courts, and good men refused to be connected with it. At that time it extended to the other Lodges in the city, and non-intercourse was the rule in place of the exception. Happily those differences were healed, and all became one happy family, working together under one common head, and each striving with the other as who could best work and best agree.

"One of the finest temples in Canada has been reared in London, and with the numbers of young men in the ranks who were ignorant of the feuds and jealousies of the buried past, we, as a Lodge, had hoped that that blessed spirit of union would continue to exist, and certainly we have done nothing to impede or obstruct its progress. Lodges have increased, and the membership has grown till the dimensions and wealth of craft Masonry in London has few equals and no superiors in the Doninion.

"A few years ago your Lodge made a demand upon St. John's Lodge, No. 20, for the old Jewels and Records, which we considered you had not the slightest claim to. You were not satisfied with our refusal, and made an appeal to the Grand Lodge to compel us to give up what we considered our birth-

right. The matter was fully discussed upon the floor of Grand Lodge at Ottawa in 1883, and the substitute made by the representatives of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, to the report of the committee on 'Appeals and Grievances' to settle the difficulty was adopted by the Grand Lodge by an almost unanimous vote. The following is the substitute:

"That, under the circumstances of the case, the Committee are of opinion that St. John's Lodge, No. 20, should not be deprived of the Jewels and books of Record and other papers now in possession of 20, but that said Lodge be respectfully requested to give St. John's Lodge 209(a) a certified copy of the old Records, beginning on the 19th day of August, 1842, and ending the regular monthly meeting of July, 1856, if they so desired it.'"

"Your representatives and Lodge accepted that, and a copy was made by the authority of 20 and presented to your Lodge. Expressions of amity and good feeling were given and accepted on both sides, and we considered that all disputes were once more settled, and that harmony and good feeling should hereafter continue.

"But what do we find? A P. M. of your Lodge, who was one of the representatives upon that occasion at the Grand Lodge, and who expressed himself upon the floor of Grand Lodge as fully satisfied with the decision given, continually manifesting a spirit of vindictiveness, both privately and publicly, to this Lodge; making use of the columns of a daily paper, of which he happens to be the city editor, to bring St. John's No. 20, into contempt; questioning their authority to continue the practice of the Lodge work they have done since their existence, casting insinuations and reflections upon our honor, which are not to be tolerated. It is not Masonic, not prompted

by brotherly love, not the work of a Mason, nor is it the work of a gentleman. We denounce it as most cowardly, calculated to bring the Order in London into disgrace—a desire to return once more to the slums of abuse—to foster a spirit of ill-feeling in our Lodges unworthy of Masons. But to the outside world its effect is still more injurious, and our members everywhere are now asked the question: 'What is the matter with the Masons again?' 'Can't you agree among yourselves?' 'is that the beautiful system of morals, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols?' Quarrelling in the public papers about your right to work, and charging us with illigitimacy, etc. 'Are we bastards?' This is the effect outside, and we have borne with the attacks made until patience has ceased to be a virtue.

"We now desire to ask your Lodge, by a unanimous resolution passed at our last regular communication, whether St. John's Lodge 209(a) has given authority to Rt. Wor. Bro. J. S. Dewar to make these public attacks upon this Lodge, or whether it is with your knowledge and consent? If it is by the authority of the Lodge, counselled and sanctioned by its membership, we want to have official notification as a sister Lodge. If the knife or tomahawk is to be used, we do not desire the stealthy tread of the savage. If it is to be war, we want and ask no favors. A fair field and our own consciousness of right and justice will sustain us. Preserve us, however, from the cowardly and assassin-like attacks of the sleuth hound, and as Christian nations do, give us notice of open war.

"Hoping to receive an early reply,

"I remain, yours fraternally,

"M. D. DAWSON,

"A. E. COOPER, Esq., "*Sec. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C.*"

"*W. M. St. John's Lodge 209(a), City.*"

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In response, the following reply was received :

"LONDON, ONT., May 9th, 1887.

"SIR AND WOR. BRO.,—At a regular communication of St. John's Lodge 209(a), held on the evening of the 14th ult., a communication from the Secretary of St. John's, No. 20, and addressed to the Wor. Master of 209(a) was read to the Lodge. After some discussion, the following resolution :

"' Moved by Wor. Bro. Hawthorn, seconded by Bro. Geo. C. Davis, was submitted to the brethren and carried unanimously, viz. :

"*Resolved*, that after hearing the communication from the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, as read to this Lodge, in relation to a newspaper controversy concerning the authenticity of a permit alleged to have been granted to St. John's Lodge, No. 20, in January, 1856, to continue the Irish work, this Lodge begs to inform the brethren of No. 20, that it is not its intention to interfere with Bro. Dewar in his professional or private business, or in any way to circumscribe his rights as a citizen of a free country. This Lodge, however, in connection with the controversy which has brought forth the communication in question, desires to place on record its regret that any member of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, should have deemed it his duty to seek to cast reflections upon the veracity of Grand Sec. Mason, by authorizing the statement in a local newspaper, that during the recent visit of this Lodge to Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Rt. W. Bro. Mason had stated what was untrue in regard to the position occupied by this Lodge.

"That the brethren of 209(a) while averse to the espousal of any quarrel having its origin in the matter indicated, are, nevertheless, of the opinion that Bro. Dewar, having heard Bro. Mason utter the words attributed to him by the Hamilton papers,

and being fully convinced that he would not make such a statement unless he believed it to be correct, displayed a truly Masonic spirit in endeavoring to relieve Bro. Mason from the opprobrium sought to be cast upon him.

"We are further of opinion that Bro. Dewar, in seeking to unravel a tangle of over thirty years' standing, about which few, if any of the younger brethren of St. John's, No. 20, have authentic information, has thus far made out a *prima facie* case in support of the Grand Secretary's statement, that St. John's No. 209(a) is the only Lodge in the west permitted to work the Irish Ritual, by forcing the holder of the alleged permit to St. John's 20 to publish a document bearing date the same year, that the holder of said paper was Wor. Master of St. John's Lodge 209, I. R.

"That this Lodge, in view of the fact that the question of legitimate succession has thus been re-opened, hereby express the hope that no efforts consistent with Masonic usage will be spared by the younger brethren of St John's 20 to assist Bro. Dewar in discovering whether that Lodge was in existence at the date of the granting of the so-called permit — whether St. John's 209 was ever extinct under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and how such a document came to be placed in the keeping of the Wor. Master of St. John's 209, I. R., within three weeks of his installation as such.

"Further, that this Lodge wishes to express its severe condemnation of the conduct of the Secretary of St. John's Lodge 20, in sending a scurrilous and vile letter to St. John's 209(a), reflecting upon the character of a worthy member of this Lodge, and this Lodge seriously hopes that St. John's 20 will repudiate the said letter, and that the Secretary of this Lodge be instructed to return the same, or a copy thereof, to the Wor. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, along with a copy of this resolution."

[After transcribing a copy of the letter of the Secretary of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, as given, the document winds up] :

" *The Wor. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 20 :*

" In accordance with the tenor of the foregoing resolutions preceding this letter, I transmit copy of same, as therein received. Also a copy of the letter of your Secretary, which St. John's Lodge 209(a) desires should be returned to you.

" I am, Sir and Wor. Bro.,

" Yours fraternally,

" JNO. SIDDONS, Sec. 209(a).

" WOR. BRO. GEO. ELLIOTT, St. John's 20."

At the regular meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, held Tuesday, May 10th, both letters were read in open Lodge, and the following resolutions unanimously adopted :

" Moved by Bro. T. G. Lowe, seconded by Bro. Padfield, and

" *Resolved*, that this Lodge fully endorses the letter written by the Secretary of this Lodge."

" Moved by Jr. War. Bro. John Fairgrieve, seconded by the Sr. Deacon, Bro Thos. H. Ford, and

" *Resolved*, that the communication from 209(a) be filed."

" Moved by Bro. Lowe, seconded by Bro. Henry Macklin, and

" *Resolved*, that a committee, consisting of M. Wor. Bro. Moffat, V. Wor. Bro. M. D. Dawson, Wor. Bro. J. K Clare, and all the officers of the Lodge, be appointed to examine the old Records and prepare a case, so as to make an appeal to the Grand Lodge if necessary, with reference to the charges

made against this Lodge by a member of 209(a) in the *London Free Press.*"

At the regular meeting, held on June 14th, the following resolution was adopted:

"Moved by bro. T. G. Lowe, seconded by Bro. Sussex, and

"*Resolved*, that this Lodge authorize the Secretary to use the seal of this Lodge, and that the Committee have the fullest authority asked for in presenting an appeal."

M. Wor. Bro. Moffat, V. Wor. Bro. M. D. Dawson, P. M.s Bros. A. B. Greer, Geo. Elliott and John Fairgrieve were appointed to represent this Lodge at the approaching session of Grand Lodge.

The following is the Memorial:

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada:

DEAR BRETHREN,—For the past year or more one of the public newspapers of London (in a column devoted to society news, written by a Past Master of St. John's Lodge 209(a), has periodically been making attacks upon the regularity of the work done by St. John's Lodge, No. 20, casting reflections and insinuations upon our honor as a Lodge, at the same time endeavoring to establish a reputation for Lodge 209(a) at the expense of No. 20. As this has been persisted in for nearly two years and no notice taken of it by this Lodge or its members, and as other papers have copied the statements made, and outsiders, who are not Masons, have talked about it, we desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the matter. We protest most emphatically as a Lodge against such a warfare evi-

dently conducted and carried on by a private member of a Lodge, but privately and publicly encouraged by his Lodge.

At an entertainment given in the Lodge room, at which all Masons were invited, invitations having been sent to distinguished officers of this Grand Lodge, statements publicly made by them were enlarged upon, and trotted out in the press so as to question our authority to do the Irish work, and even our existence as a properly organized Lodge questioned. This Lodge, therefore, desires a committee of this Grand Lodge to take the matter into their consideration, so that as public a retraction of the statements and charges may be made.

To aid them in this work, it will be necessary to quote largely from the minutes of this Lodge since the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada, proving our origin as well as our connection with the formation of said Grand Lodge.

1. That our original Warrant 209, Irish Register, was issued by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the 4th of October, 1841.

2. That on the 10th of October, 1855, Bros. Daniell, Moffat and Abbott, members of our Lodge, were delegates to the Convention held in Hamilton, when the Grand Lodge of Canada was established.

3. That on the 13th November, 1855, the Lodge passed unanimous resolutions giving up the Charter 209, elected officers under the new order of things, and appointed a committee to report upon the amount of dues owing the Grand Lodge of Ireland under the old Charter.

4. That on the 27th November, 1855, additional resolutions were adopted necessary upon withdrawal, and money appropriated for the purchase of new regalia under the Grand Lodge of Canada,

5. On February 1st, 1856, the Dispensation was received under the Grand Lodge of Canada.

6. That although working under the Grand Lodge of Canada, the No. 209 was not given up until 12th August, 1856, when No. 14 was used.

7. That during the whole of this time, and for years afterwards, there was no opposition to the giving up of the Charter 209, no resignations from either 209 or 14 in consequence of the change. More than that, there is no record of resignations or suspensions until long after the No. 20 was given the Lodge, on the redistribution of numbers by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

8. That the Irish work was continued by Lodge No. 14 and Lodge No 20 from the first change, 13th November, 1885, to the present time; and to prevent any interference with it, an official document granting them the privilege of retaining that work was granted by the Grand Master, bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge, dated 19th January, 1856, when the Dispensation was given, and countersigned by the Secretary and D. G. M., which document is produced among the papers bearing on the case, the number being left blank being occasioned, as at the time neither the Grand Master or Grand Secretary could tell what numbers would be assigned the original Lodges who came in at and since the formation of the Grand Lodge. The fact that the No. 209 was used until August, 1856, nearly a year after joining the Grand Lodge of Canada, is abundant proof.

The Memorial contained, in addition to the above, a copy of the articles which appeared in the *Free Press*, also copious extracts from the minutes from the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which it is unnecessary for us here to repeat.

The Memorial was referred by Grand Lodge to the M. Wor. the Grand Master to take evidence. This he did, beside taking the trouble of going over the entire records of the Lodge from its first organization, and upon which he delivered the following judicial decision, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, and is one of the ablest documents ever presented to that body. This should settle for ever the question of ligitimacy, and close the mouths of those forever prating about their paternity.

On motion of M. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat, seconded by P. M. Bro. Elliott, it was ordered that the decision should be printed with our By-laws when published.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA, A. F. & A. M.

DECISION.

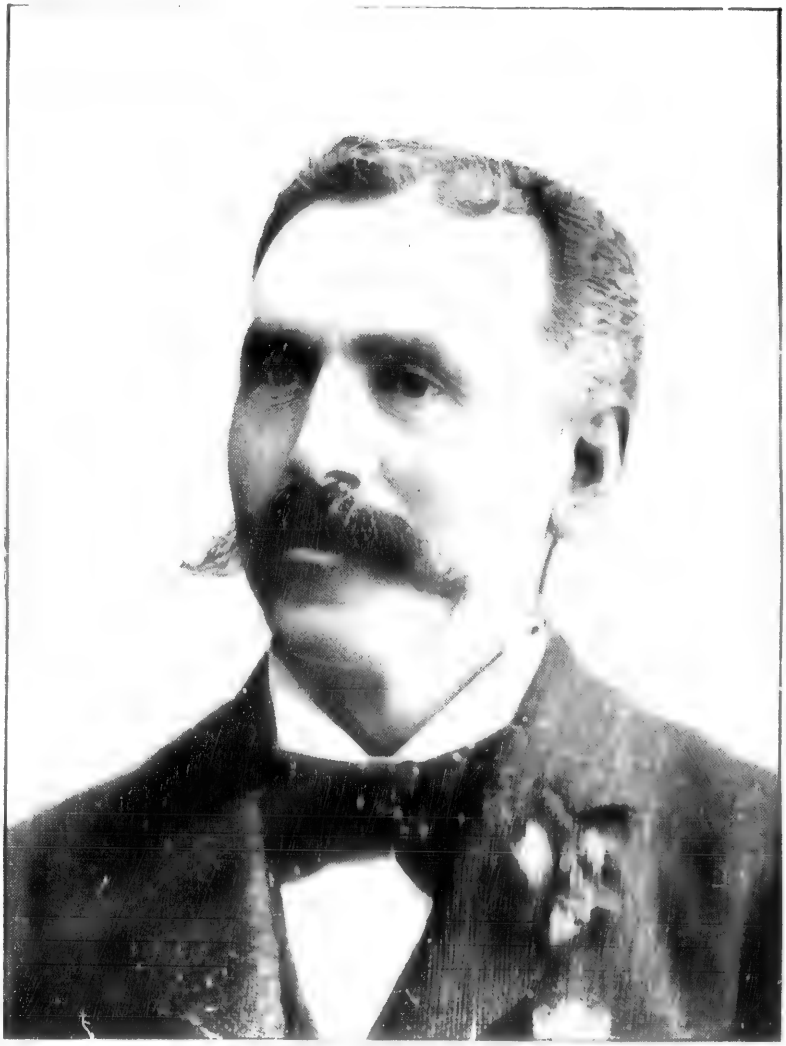
In re St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and St. John's Lodge, No. 209(a)

At the last annual communication of Grand Lodge, a Memorial from St. John's Lodge, No. 20, was referred to the Grand Master for consideration and decision.

On the 17th Nov., 1887, after due notice to all parties concerned, I attended at the Masonic Temple, in the City of London, and heard the statements and evidence adduced by the representatives of both Lodges.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, claimed that they were originally the St. John's Lodge, No. 209, Irish Registry, and asked to have their position in that respect acknowledged and recorded.

They also claimed authority to use the Irish work, under a permit dated Jan. 10th, 1856, and they complained of certain statements made in a London newspaper, under the editorship of R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, questioning such authority,



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St. John's Lodge 209[a] claimed that they were also originally the St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I. R.,

They also claimed that they were the only Lodge specially authorized to use the Irish work, as evidenced by a Permit dated July 9th, 1872, and that the Permit possessed by Lodge No. 20 was defective because the No. of the Lodge was not mentioned in it.

Lodge No. 20 produced their Minute Books, showing a continuous and consecutive record from 1842 to the present date, first as No. 209, I. R., then as No. 14, G. R. C., and finally, No. 20.

From these Records, and the Records of the Grand Lodge, it appears that at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in 1855, the St. John's Lodge 209, I. R., was represented by duly elected delegates, sent for that purpose, and joined in the movement, and were a constituent element in the new Grand Lodge.

That at the numbering of the Lodges in July, 1856, it became No. 14, and at the re-numbering of the Lodges, in July, 1859, it became No. 20.

In November, 1855, resolutions were passed by the Lodge approving of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, declaring that they had ceased to work under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, notifying their action to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and re-

questing that Grand Lodge to allow them to retain their Warrant.

On the first point, then, the evidence, in my opinion, is conclusive and beyond all question that the present St. John's Lodge, No. 20, was originally the St. John's Lodge 209, I. R., and has preserved a continuous and unbroken succession and existence since 1842.

As to the present St. John's Lodge, No. 209[a], its origin is briefly as follows:

In May, 1859, some of the members of St. John's Lodge, then No. 14, G. R. C, obtained possession of the old Warrant granted to No. 209, I. R., and assumed to revive that Lodge.

This was more than three years after Lodge 209 had ceased to work under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and after their old Warrant had become virtually defunct.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland sustained these members, and the Grand Lodge of Canada declared them clandestine and irregular.

In 1860, the following report of the Special Committee on Grievances and Appeals was adopted by Grand Lodge:

"That upon the evidence laid before them, the said St. John's Lodge cannot but be considered clandestine by this Grand Lodge. Your Committee re-

gret to learn that the Grand Lodge of Ireland, nevertheless, acknowledged the said St. John's Lodge, No. 209, but they doubt not that such acknowledgment was obtained under a false representation to the Grand Lodge of Ireland of the circumstances in which the said St. John's Lodge was re-organized after the recognition of this Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

"Your Committee therefore recommend that a Memorial be drawn up and transmitted through the proper channel by this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, setting forth the irregular, improper and unmasonic existence of the said St. John's Lodge, No. 209, with a request to have such action thereupon as is strictly in accordance with Masonic law and usage, and the good understanding existing between the two Grand Lodges."

In 1861, this action was again confirmed by Grand Lodge.

In July, 1862, the Report of the Board of General Purposes, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, states that the Board see no just ground for disturbing the action already had by the Grand Lodge, and therefore fully sustain the Grand Master in forbidding communication with that Lodge, but see no objection to the reception and consideration of any further evidence that may be submitted.

A motion was thereupon adopted requesting the Grand Master to receive any further evidence offered, and to take such final action thereon as he should deem expedient.

In October, 1862, Grand Master Harrington issued an edict, recognizing St. John's Lodge 209, I. R., and revoking his former decision. This edict states that no additional evidence was brought forward, but that the Grand Lodge of Ireland claimed that this Lodge had never become extinct because the old Warrant had never been returned to them.

In 1872, this Lodge affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada and received the No. 209[a].

It thus appears that Lodge No. 209[a] owes its existence to the non-observance of a technicality. The old Warrant was virtually dead ; the body to which it belonged had unanimously gone over and transferred itself to another jurisdiction, and had declared that it had ceased to work under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, but in place of sending the Warrant back to Ireland, they had asked permission to retain it among their archives.

The Document laid in the Lodge Chest for over three years, when it was taken out by some of the same parties who had not voluntarily affiliated themselves with the Grand Lodge of Canada, and who

had accepted and worked under a Warrant from that Grand Lodge.

The edict of recognition of Grand Master Harrington acquiesced in by Grand Lodge cannot, of course, now be questioned, but it should be remembered, that seven years previously the Grand Lodge of Canada had recognized another and distinct body as St. John's Lodge 209, I. R.

The curious result of these proceedings is that the same Lodge, No. 209, I. R., has affiliated twice with the Grand Lodge of Canada, so that two separate and distinct bodies have each joined the Grand Lodge of Canada at different times, as the same St. John's Lodge, No. 209, I. R.

The most unpleasant part, to me, of this undesirable investigation is now to be considered, and I regret, very much, that I am forced to pronounce that the members of Lodge No. 20 were fully justified in complaining, as they did, of the newspaper comments which apparently were the chief cause of the present trouble.

These articles were evidently intended by the writer to wound the feelings of the members of Lodge No. 20, to cast a doubt upon the regularity of their work, and to claim a superiority for Lodge No. 209[a] over Lodge No. 20.

They displayed a spirit of uncharitableness that is far removed from the efficient teachings of our fraternal obligations. The unnecessary publication of matters relating to Lodges and Masons, and especially of matters that may be in controversy between Lodges and members, has always been strongly condemned by the authorities of the Craft as being in every way undesirable and serving no good purpose, and as being injurious to the best interests of the fraternity.

It is much to be regretted that any member of the Grand Lodge of Canada should have so far forgotten himself and his duties towards his fellows, as to indulge in any such act that would injure the feelings of his brethren. Such a course of conduct, when wilfully practised, and repeatedly persisted in, is extremely reprehensible. It is discourteous, unmasonic and unfraternal. I hope, for the sake of the Craft in this Province, that such will not be again brought to our notice.

On the question of the right of these two Lodges to continue their old work, the case is as follows:

Both Lodges have Permits or Certificates, signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, the one held by Lodge No. 20 bearing date Jan. 19th, 1856, and the other held by Lodge No. 209[a] being dated July 9th, 1872.

The Permit held by Lodge No. 20 gives authority to the brethren of that Lodge "to continue their work as heretofore until the further pleasure of this M. W. Grand Lodge be made known."

The Permit held by Lodge No. 209[a] gives authority to the brethren of that Lodge "to continue their work as heretofore"; the words "until the further pleasure of this M. W. Grand Lodge be made known" were in the permit, but they have been struck out by a line drawn through them, and the initials "T. B. H." placed opposite them in the margin. Bros. Abbott and Shopland state that they received this Permit in July, 1872; that they refused to accept it in its original shape, and that the late Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, then made the erasure and initialed it in their presence.

M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Past Grand Master, by whom this Permit was granted, states positively that he gave no authority for this erasure, and that he well remembers the hesitation under which he labored when conceding a privilege so important, and the anxiety he felt that it should in no manner be liable to embarrass Grand Lodge hereafter.

Evidence was given before me that both these Permits were obtained and granted as a part of the conditions upon which these Lodges respectively affiliated with the Grand Lodge of Canada.

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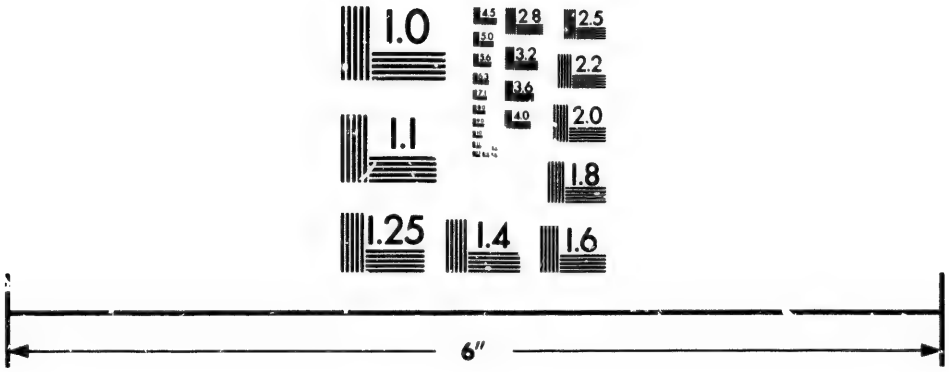

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The explanation given as to the omission of the number in the Permit held by Lodge No. 20 is, that at the time it was given, none of the Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Canada had any number on the Registry of the new Grand Lodge, that the numbering of the Lodges was not done until July, 1856, and the number was left blank for the reason that when this Permit was given in January, 1856, the Lodge had not then received its new number.

Coupled with these facts, that this Permit was produced from the proper custody, and that evidence was given that it had been continuously in the possession of Lodge No. 20 since it was issued, the explanation was deemed by me satisfactory, and the objection made by Lodge 209[a] that the Permit of Lodge No. 20 was defective in the omission of the number was overruled.

There is also this to be considered, that for over thirty years Lodge No. 20 has been using the old work; that District Deputy Grand Masters have repeatedly called the special attention of the Grand Lodge to such work; that Grand Lodge has never taken any steps to cause its discontinuance, and has thereby tacitly permitted its use.

I therefore decide that both St. John's Lodge, No. 20, and St. John's Lodge, No. 209[a], have the authority of the Grand Lodge to continue their old work.

I, am however, also of the opinion that it is fully within the power of Grand Lodge to revoke and cancel either or both of these Permits at any time, and to require that these Lodges shall conform to and use only the Ritual authorized by the Grand Lodge of Canada.

I am further of opinion that this should be done as speedily as possible, that in the interests of Grand Lodge itself, and for the preservation of harmony among its subordinates, especially in the locality of these Lodges, Grand Lodge should not allow any Lodge to use a different work from that practised by all the other Lodges; nor can I see any good reason why these two Lodges should wish to perpetuate so undesirable a state of affairs, nor why they should wish to isolate themselves from the great body of the fraternity in this Province. Surely it would be better for all to work alike, and surely it would be better for themselves to work in harmony with the rest of their brethren.

Discussions as to the relative merits of two different Rituals working side by side in the same place are apt to engender a strife, ignoble in its nature, and destructive of the true principles of brotherhood. Our Lodges, as well as our brethren, should "meet on the level," and no Lodge should assume any fancied airs of superiority over the others by reason of

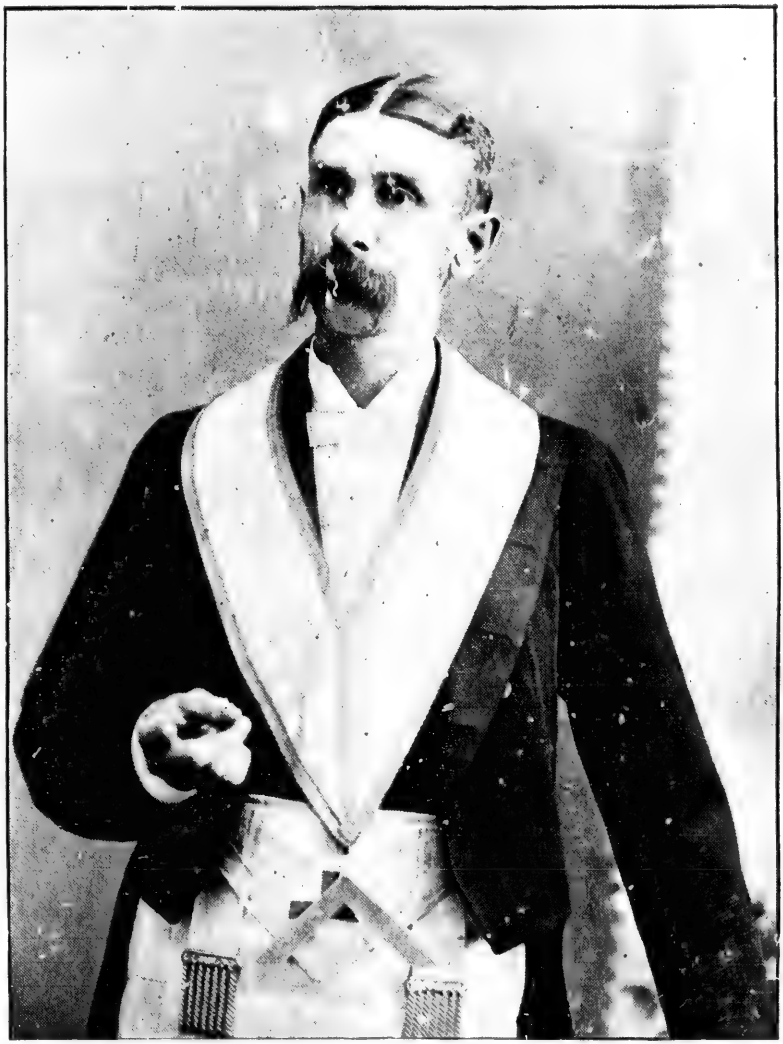
possessing special privileges. Especially does it become an evil when these privileges are used to attract members to the disadvantage and disparagement of other Lodges. To try to "boom" themselves at the expense of others is surely inconsistent with our principles of friendship and brotherly love to one another.

Any incidental reasons that might be given in favor of the "old" work, ought to be subservient to the general good of the Craft; and I would most earnestly recommend to these brethren that they should seriously consider the advisability of relinquishing their present work and adopting the authorized Ritual.

They would thereby prove that peace and harmony, brotherly love and good-will are not empty sounds, but are living, vital principles, that underlie the actions of all true, free and accepted Masons.

(Signed), HY. ROBERTSON,
Grand Master.

Collingwood, Dec. 20th, 1887.



BRO. HENRY T. FORD, P.M.

The following officers were elected for 1888, viz.: Jos. H. Marshall, W. M.; John Fairgrieve, Sr. War.; H. T. Ford, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; George Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received:—Chas. M. Dawson, Henry Horseman, John McDonald, Arch. Wm. McDonell, A. K. Melbourne and Thos. Henry Duguid.

1888.—P. M. Bro. Geo. Elliott was presented with a Past Master's Jewel, on behalf of the Lodge, by P. G. M. Bro. Moffat. The funeral of Bro. Evans, a very old member of this Lodge, was largely attended, and interred with Masonic honors. $21.00 was granted to the Board of Benevolence. The Auditors' report this year, after deducting another $50.00 from the value of the furniture and Jewels, showed a balance of $3,589.54.

The following officers were elected for 1889, viz.: Jno. Fairgrieve, W. M.; H. T. Ford, Sr. War.; John Smith, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; George Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following brethren were received, viz.: John Robertson, Frederick Harding, Thos. H. Duguid, Thos. Boswell, and Wm. H. Oke.

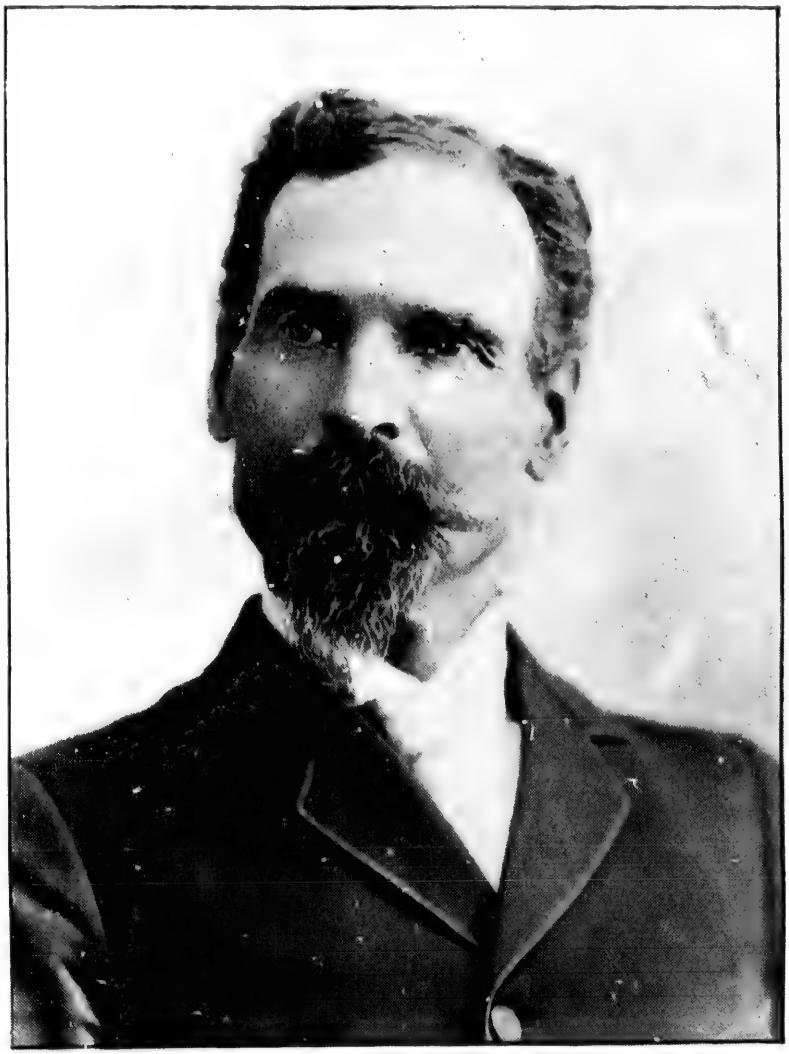
1889.— M. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat, P. M. Bro. A. B. Greer, and the W. M. were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee from St. John's Lodge 209[a] for the preservation of our ancient work, at the next session of Grand Lodge. The Auditors reported this year the assets of the Lodge at $3,546.76. The funeral of Bro. George McKenzie, of Barton Lodge, Hamilton, was, by request of that Lodge, interred here with Masonic honors, and the thanks of that Lodge was tendered the brethren, as well as a letter of thanks from the widow. A letter of invitation from 209[a] was read and accepted, asking the presence of the W. M., officers and members of this Lodge at their regular communication, in April, to witness the exemplification of the third degree. At the request of the W.M., P. M. Bro. Dawson presented a Past Master's Jewel to Bro. J. H. Marshall on behalf of the Lodge. The M. W. the Grand Master visited the Lodge on May 2nd, and delivered a very pleasing and instructive address. A reception was given him in the Banqueting Hall. Bro. Thos. Duguid was interred with Masonic honors. Wor. Bro. Fairgrieve and P. M. Bro. M. D. Dawson were sent as delegates to the Grand Lodge meeting at Owen Sound. The usual grant was made to the Board of Benevolence. The sum of $10.00 was also granted to aid a distressed brother.

The following officers were elected for 1890, viz.: H. T. Ford, W. M.; John Smith, Sr. War.; Thos. Clark, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; George Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were added, viz.: Thos. Gray, Thos. A. Treleaven, Alex. Findlay, Oscar Guillemont, Jno. B. Jennings, and Chas. Hill Hunter.

1890.—Last St. John's Day was celebrated by the brethren, with visiting Lodges, headed by the band of the Royal School of Infantry, marching in procession to St. James' Church, London South, where an able sermon was preached by Rt. Wor. Bro. Kerr, of Ingersoll. The proceeds of the collection was devoted to Masonic charity. On January 19th, the funeral of the late Enoch Murphy was attended and interred with Masonic honors. The Auditors this year reported the assets $3,836.95. The W. M. presented the Immediate P. M. Bro. Jno. Fairgrieve with a P. M.'s Jewel as a mark of esteem from the Lodge. The W. M. presented a very able report, as representative to the Grand Lodge, at Kingston, which was ordered to be engrossed upon the minutes, and a vote of thanks tendered him. The usual grant was made to the Board of Benevolence, and a supplementary grant of $10.00 each to the widows of this Lodge.

The following officers were elected for 1891, viz.: H. T. Ford, W. M.; John Smith, Sr. War.; Thomas Clark, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; George Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The following members were received: William McCombes, Arnold Swayze, T. A. Parkinson, Geo. Campbell, John Jones, Wm. E. Hiscott, James Fairbairn, John Graves, Jas. L. Luney, A. T. Cleghorn, Geo. Riddle, Jno. J. Harding, and Wm. Tripp.

This concludes the first half-century of continuous existence. For the past thirty years we have had uninterrupted prosperity, although passing through a great many trials and changes. "Faith, Hope and Charity" has been the motto of the Lodge. It is careful in its membership, and can boast of as good a class of men as any Lodge in the country. It is desirable that we should continue the record to the close of 1893, in all 53 years.



BRO. THOS. CLARK, P. M.

1891 - 1893.

ON Sunday afternoon, January 4th, 1891, the Lodges proceeded in a body to the Presbyterian Church, Queen's Avenue, where an eloquent sermon was preached by Rev. Bro. Murray. The choir of the Church was also in attendance, and rendered very acceptable music. The collection amounted to $34.77, which was devoted to benevolence. On the 7th, the last sad rites were paid to Bro. Wm. Weld, a very respected member of this Lodge, who lost his life by accident. In April, the W. M., Bro. Ford, announced that owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he was compelled to remove, with his family, to New York City. He regretted that he had accepted office for the 2nd term. The regular meeting in May would be the last that he would be able to attend. The W. M. was asked to retire, and a committee was appointed to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to Bro. Ford. At the regular meeting in May, a gold-headed cane was presented to Bro. Ford, with the following address:

WOR. BRO. H. T. FORD,

W. M. St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C.:

DEAR SIR AND WOR. BRO.:—We have learned with sincere regret that you are about to remove with your family from London to make your home in another land. Since your connection with St. John's Lodge, No. 20, in 1884, you have been indefatigable in your exertions to elevate your Lodge to the highest standard in work. In that you have succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of your warmest friends It is, therefore, in the midst of your usefulness, your well-known voice and earnest work will be missed by the entire brotherhood in London, but more particularly the members of your mother Lodge.

From the time you first assumed the gavel of authority, a more elevated and refined atmosphere took possession of the Lodge, and your unanimous re-election to the East, was but the spontaneous outburst and feeling of the brothers. As a Lodge, we feel your departure keenly, but hope that our loss will be your gain. We will ever remember your services to this Lodge, and take this opportunity to express in some tangible form our appreciation of your merit.

You will wear this Jewel in memory of those you have left behind. It will call up many pleasant reunions in Masonry, and associations on this floor; it will remind you of that life to come, that home beyond the skies where the weary cease from trouble.

As individuals, we have admired your gentle manners, executive ability, earnest labor, and clever rendition of the work. Your heart was always in your work, and trouble was but a labor of love, where the interests of your Lodge were concerned.

In conclusion, we commend you to Masons the world over, and wish you God speed. May the G. A. O. T. U. guide and control all your actions; may prosperity attend you and your beloved family wherever your lot may be cast, and when the labors of life are over, give you a blessed entrance into that life above.

By order of the Lodge,

JOS. HOOK, P. M.
JNO. SMITH, Sr. War
THOS. CLARK, Jr. War.
GEO. SHAW, Treas.
JAMES DUNN, P. M.

Divine Service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 28th June, in commemoration of St. John's Day. An eloquent sermon was preached by M. W. Bro. Canon O'Meara, of Manitoba. The collection, which was large, was given in bulk to the Morden Hospital, in Manitoba.

The Representative to the Grand Lodge was instructed to vote for the amendment doing away with intoxicating liquors at refreshment tables in connection with Masonic Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and against the amendment doing away with dual membership. In other matters he was to exercise his own judgment. The Grand Lodge this year cut off the grants to the widows of most of our City Lodges, owing to some slight informality in drawing up the papers. The

matter gave rise to a great deal of dissatisfaction and complaint It was decided, however, that the widows should not suffer, and this Lodge granted an amount large enough, with what was granted from the Masonic Board of Relief of the City, to make the amount equal to what was given the year previously. In December, P. M. Bro. M. D. Dawson presented the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Shaw: "That a committee be appointed, with power to purchase for this Lodge $2,000 worth of Stock in the Masonic Temple," and the following committee were appointed: P. M.s Bros. A. B. Greer, M. D. Dawson, and Bros. Geo. Shaw, Henry Macklin, and D. C. Hannah.

The following officers were elected for 1892, viz.: John Smith, W. M.; Thomas Clark, Sr. War.; John Robertson, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and F. J. Hood, Tyler. The officers were installed by D. D. G. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. Munson, December 28th. The following brethren were received, viz.: E. N. King, Martin E. Nugent, Wm. Robb, Samuel Smith, and Frank McLean.

1892.—A very determined effort was made by a moneyed institution in the City to secure control of the Stock in the Masonic Temple, which came very

nearly being successful. A Board of Directors, loyal to the interests of Masonry, with the assistance of some of the Lodges, and private members, who were largely interested, purchased all outside Stock, and finally it came entirely into the control of Masons. This Lodge purchased $2,000 additional Stock, and the W. M., Secretary, and Treasurer were appointed Trustees. On motion of P. M. Bro. Greer, the committee appointed by the Lodge were empowered to purchase $1,000 additional Stock, so as to make the amount $5,000. The Auditors presented their annual statement in February, showing a continued increase financially. On the 3rd of March, the M. W. the Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson, was received by all the Lodges in the City, and delivered his celebrated lecture on Craft Masonry, after which a cordial vote of thanks was carried by a standing vote. At the request of the W. M. of Tuscan Lodge, the Grand Master presented P. Master P. W. D. Broderick with a very handsome parlor lamp, as a mark of esteem from his Lodge. This brother had not been long in the city, but being a most enthusiastic Mason and a clever presiding officer, he had endeared himself to the members of his Lodge, and was admired by the Craft generally. On the 27th of May, Bro. T. G. Lowe passed away, and on the 29th the brethren bore his body to its last resting place. He was interred

with Masonic honors, the brethren making a very creditable turn out. The Grand Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, Opera House, this year, and were hospitably entertained by the City Lodges. It having come to the knowledge of the Lodge that one of the oldest members of this Lodge, Bro. Robert Sadler, was in distress in Detroit, and that his aged wife was sick unto death, the Lodge at once granted $25.00 for his assistance, which was duly forwarded. In October, our Tyler sent in his resignation, to take effect at the close of the year. A committee of P. M. Bro. Hook and the Secretary were appointed, in conjunction with similar committees from the other Lodges, to select a suitable person for Tyler. A grant was also made by each Lodge, and a valuable purse of money was presented to Bro. Hood, for his long and faithful service to the City Lodges. He has since made his home in the far West.

The following officers were elected for 1893, viz.: Thomas Clark, W. M.; A. Swayze, Sr. War.; D. W. Blackwell, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and John Robertson, Tyler. The following members were received: James S. Shaw, Alfred Tune, Rd. Wm. Percival, Thomas W. Edwards, Robert J. McWells, Allan Mackenzie Cleghorn, Rev. James P. Rice, Thomas Brown, John

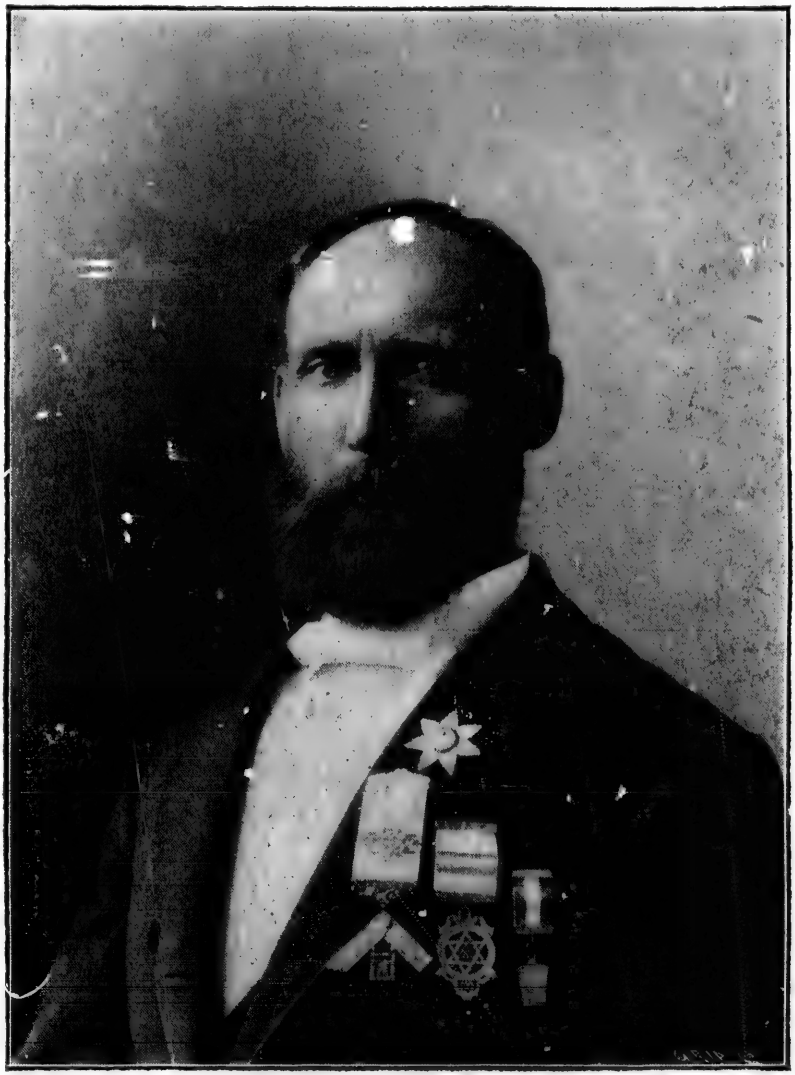
Brockest, J. C. Brown, W. W. Routledge, J. H. Tindall, William Walker, and Alex. McLean.

1893.—An additional grant of $10.00 was made to Bro. Sadler, of Detroit, who was still in distress. $5.00 was also granted towards the Hospital for sick children, in Toronto. A very handsome Past Master's Jewel was presented to P. M. Bro. John Smith for his indefatigable efforts in the interests of the Lodge as presiding officer. He followed one of the ablest Masters that ever presided, and his record has been a credit to him. He worked sincerely in the interests of his Lodge. Bros. Macklin and Jones presented their statement as Auditors, in April, showing the assets of the Lodge to amount to about $4,000, and steadily increasing, while the arrearage list had very sensibly decreased. The usual grant was made to the Benevolent Board, and $10.00 sent to Bro. Sadler, at Detroit. Bro. Jno. Turnbull, of this Lodge, being killed by accident, the W. M. and a number of the brethren went up to Windsor to the funeral, which was conducted by Great Western Lodge, No. 47. He was interred with Masonic honors, and a grant of $34.00 made in payment of the band. A further bill of $121.50 for funeral expenses was sent to this Lodge, which was not entertained. This enormous expense was uncalled for. His widow was left in

comfortable circumstances. The Lodge did not incur it, and it was not a case of charity. A charge was preferred against Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware, for initiation of a candidate in direct violation of instructions received from this Lodge. The candidate did not belong to their jurisdiction, neither was he considered eligible for Masonry. D. D. G. M. Hess instructed the erring Lodge to make an apology, and then dismissed the case. The apology was most unsatisfactory, and was looked upon more as an aggravated insult. It said: "We are sorry for what we did, but let us keep the Initiation Fee which you demanded." Lodges are too apt to lose sight of the importance of Masonry, and seek after the dollars and cents. A large membership and a good bank account will never make a successful Lodge. Bro. Alex. Findlay and Bro. Alex. McLean sustained very severe affliction by death in their families, and letters of condolence were ordered to be prepared by a committee.

The D. D. G. M., Bro. P. W. D. Broderick, visited the Lodge officially in November, and was received with Grand Honors. He congratulated the Lodge upon its efficiency and good attendance.

The following officers were elected for 1894: John Robertson, W. M.; Arnold Swayze, Sr. War.; D. W. Blackwell, Jr. War.; J. B. Hicks, Chap.; Geo. Shaw, Treas.; M. D. Dawson, Sec.; and Wm. McCombe, Tyler. The following members were received: Samuel H. Milling, Wm. Winget, Thos. Hallem, Thos. W. Routledge, Chas. H. Farmer, Rd. Alex. Bayley, C. B. Campbell, Jas. Arthur Tancock, and Robt. Black.



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St. John's Lodge No. 20, G. R. C.

ARTICLE I.

This Lodge shall be known and hailed as St. John's Lodge, No. 20, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., and shall hold its regular communications on the second Tuesday in each month, at the hour of 8 o'clock p.m.

ARTICLE II.

This Lodge fully acknowledges the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and accepts all and every statute enacted by that body.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of this Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been duly elected or appointed and installed or invested. The following officers shall be elected by ballot of the members only,

at the regular meeting of the Lodge in December, viz.: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, one representative to the Masonic Board of Benevolence, and one representative to the Masonic Temple Company, and by an open vote of the members, the Tyler. Two Auditors shall also be appointed by open vote of the Lodge. An actual majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for election. None but Master Masons are eligible for office.

SEC. 2. The following officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master, who, with the elective officers, shall be installed and invested at the Annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist, viz.: Senior and Junior Deacon, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard and two Stewards.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The duty of the Worshipful Master shall be to preside at the meetings of the Lodge, preserve order and decorum, see that the By-laws and Regulations of the Lodge are obeyed, as well as those of the Grand Lodge, not suffering any of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order to be infringed, and to discharge all other usual duties pertaining to the Chair.

BRO. ARNOLD SWAYZE, SEN. WAR.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the W. M. in the discharge of his duties, but in the absence of the W. M., the duties shall devolve upon the immediate P. M., or if he be not present, the Senior P. M. of the Lodge, or any P. M. who may be present. In case of death or removal of the W.M. the Senior Warden acts as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next election of officers.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to offer up solemn prayer, suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity, and he shall be exempt from dues, provided he fill the position the majority of nights.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys from the hands of the Secretary, and disburse the same by order of the Lodge; to keep a true account of such receipts and disbursements, and to have his accounts fairly balanced at the end of each year, and oftener when required by the Lodge; he shall pay no order, except those that are signed by the W. M., and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall be exempt from all dues. He shall not keep on hand more than one hundred dollars, the balance, if any, shall be deposited in some chartered Bank or Savings Society (to be determined by the members of this Lodge) in the name of St. John's

No. 10, A. F. & A. M., and to be drawn only on a joint cheque signed by himself and countersigned by the W. M. and Secretary when so ordered by the Lodge.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall be exempt from the payment of all Lodge dues. He shall keep a faithful Record of the proceedings of the Lodge, and preserve in order all papers and documents belonging thereto. He shall keep a correct register of the members, and of their respective accounts with the Lodge, and an account showing the fees and dues received for and payable to the Grand Lodge. He shall sign all authorized certificates and affix the Lodge seal thereto; issue all necessary notices and summonses for meetings, etc.; countersign all orders and cheques of the Master; prepare all returns required by the Grand Lodge; notify the members of every committee of their appointment, and the nature of their duties; receive all moneys paid by members or others to the Lodge, and pay the same to the Treasurer before the next regular meeting. He shall balance his books at the end of each current year, and have prepared for the auditors a financial statement in detail of the business of the Lodge, and discharge all other duties appertaining to the office of Secretary. As a compensation for his services, he shall receive the sum of fifty dollars per annum.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Deacons to attend the reception and accommodation of members and visitors, and otherwise assist in the general business of the Lodge.

SEC. 7. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Lodge is properly prepared, that all the brethren appear in the Lodge Room in their proper clothing, and to the best of his ability that every brother, when in the Lodge room in public session or at refreshment, is placed according to his station; he shall act as marshal for the Lodge on all public occasions.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Stewards to see that the furniture and other paraphernalia is in good and proper condition, and under the Junior Warden shall attend to the procuring of refreshments.

SEC. 9. The Inner Guard shall attend each meeting at the hour named for opening, to guard the interior of the Lodge whilst open, not allowing any one to pass or repass without permission from the Worshipful Master.

SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Tyler to tyle the Lodge under the direction of the Stewards; see that all brethren register their names and are properly clothed; procure all articles necessary for the comfort of the Lodge; see that the Lodge Room is kept in

good order; and as a compensation for his services he shall receive the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for each meeting of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SEC. 1. The duties of the Auditing Committee shall be to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and bring in an Annual Financial Statement to the Lodge at the regular communication in February, and such other times as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 2. The Representatives of the Board of Finance or Finance Committee of Lodges shall consist of three members, viz.: the Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Secretary, whose duty shall be to attend all meetings of that Board, and look carefully after the interests of the Lodge.

SEC. 3. Sick and Relief Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master and Wardens, whose duty it shall be to visit all cases of sickness (not contagious) or distress amongst the members, widows or orphans belonging to this Lodge, and if deemed necessary, to report the case to our representative on the Board of Benevolence, or to afford them temporary relief, the sum not to exceed five dollars ($5), and to report their action at the next regular meeting.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of our Representative to the Board of Benevolence to attend all meetings of this Board, and aid in dispensing relief in such manner as may be decided upon, and shall pay special attention to all cases recommended for their consideration by the Worshipful Master and Wardens, and shall report at the first meetings in January and June of each year the amount received, the sums disbursed, and other matters which may possess interest to the Lodge.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the brother who represents us upon the Masonic Temple Company to attend every meeting of same, and when not otherwise instructed, shall have full power to act as in his opinion seems best for the interest of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VI.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

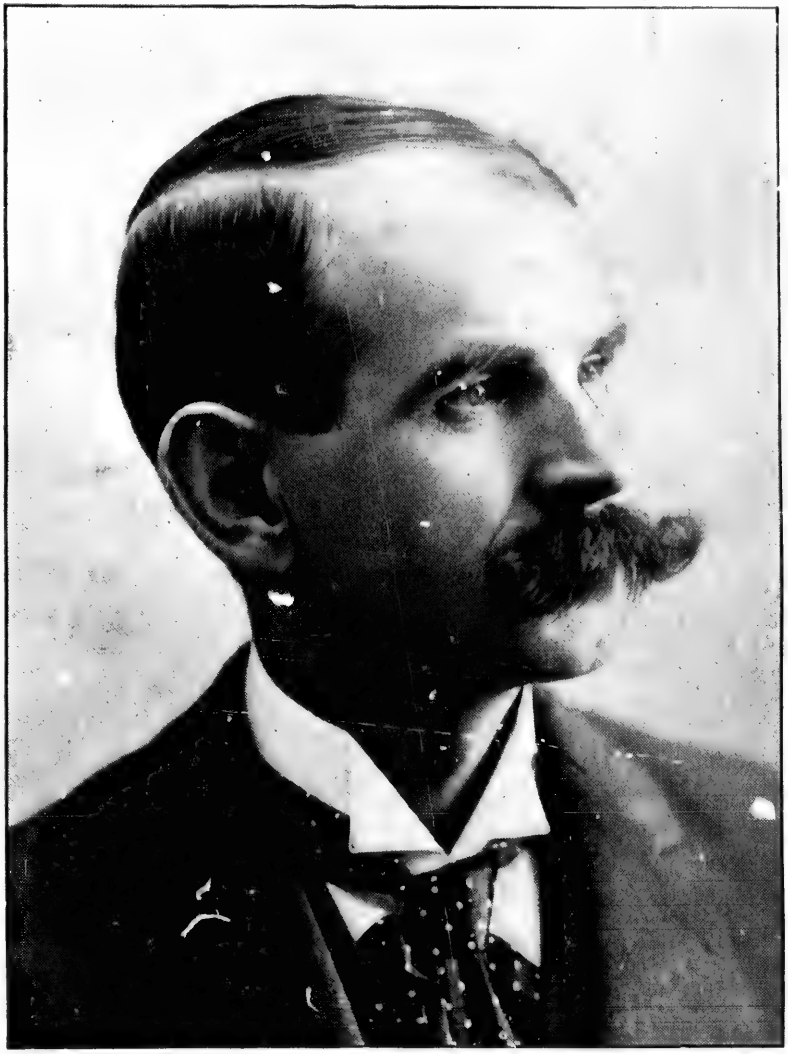
SEC. 1. All applications for initiation and membership shall be made in writing, recommended by at least two M. M.s, one of whom must be a member of the Lodge, and presented at a stated meeting accompanied by a deposit for initiation of five dollars ($5), and affiliation the sum of three dollars; the petition shall set forth the age, residence and occupation of the applicant, and if received, entered upon

the minutes; there shall be a committee of three members appointed thereon, whose duty it shall be to make diligent inquiry into the character and standing of the applicant, and report at the next stated meeting, when he shall be balloted for.

SEC. 2. But no candidate for affiliation can be balloted for unless a certificate from the Lodge in which he was last a member be produced and the usual deposit of $3. On a proposition for initiation or affiliation being regularly received by the Lodge and entered on the minutes, such proposition becomes the property of the Lodge and cannot be withdrawn. (See Constitution, page 59, Art. 6).

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. A brother who may have rendered signal service to the Lodge or to the Craft in general, and who shall be deemed worthy of honor, may be elected an honorary member of this Lodge, with or without privileges, upon an unanimous ballot of the members present, such application being notified to all the members in the same manner as is provided for as in the case of joining brethren; such honorary member shall be exempt from all dues.



BRO. D. W. BLACKWELL, Jr. War.

ARTICLE VII.

WITHDRAWAL.

SEC. 1. Any member may withdraw or discontinue his membership by giving notice thereof at a stated meeting of the Lodge, unless he is in arrears for dues, or charges for unmasonic conduct are pending against him.

ARTICLE VIII.

RE-ADMISSION.

SEC. 1. Should any member retire from the Lodge, or cause his name to be erased from the books, or be excluded for any cause except N. P. D., he shall not be re-admitted except as an applicant for affiliation.

ARTICLE IX.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. Any member in good standing for five years in this Lodge shall, on the payment of $30 and all arrears for dues to date of such payment, be forever exempt from the payment of any further dues or fees to this Lodge, but shall continue during life a member of this Lodge with full privileges, subject only to Masonic censure and punishment for any offence other than N. P. D.

SEC. 2. Any such member of not less than ten consecutive years' standing in this Lodge shall, on the payment of $20 and all arrears, etc., etc.

SEC. 3. Any such member of not less than fifteen years' standing shall on payment of $10 and all arrears, etc.

SEC. 4. Any such member of not less than twenty consecutive years' standing shall, on payment of $5 and all arrears be entitled to the same privileges of life membership as named in Sec. 1, Art. IX., but subject to the same liabilities.

SEC. 5. This Lodge shall not refund all or any part of any payment for life membership under any circumstances whatever.

ARTICLE X.

THE BALLOT.

SEC. 1. No person shall be initiated in this Lodge for a less sum than thirty dollars ($30), and no brother shall be admitted a member of this Lodge for a less sum than three dollars ($3), and the balloting shall, if the committee are prepared to report, take place at the next regular meeting after being proposed. Should the ballot prove unfavorable to any candidate, the Secretary shall apprise all Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction of such rejection, such candidate

cannot again be proposed in this Lodge until after tne expiration of one year, when a new proposition and a ballot must take place, and all the formalities required by Sec. 1, Art. VI., of these By-laws, be observed. In the event of there being only one black ball, the W. M. may forthwith order the ballot to pass a second time, which must be final. Should any candidate neglect to attend for initiation within three monthly meetings of his being notified of his election he shall not be admitted without a new ballot, and his proposition fee shall be forfeited.

SEC. 2. Every candidate, upon attaining the W. M.'s degree, shall be presented with a W. M.'s apron.

ARTICLE XI.

DUES.

SEC. 1. The dues to be paid by each resident member shall be the sum of three dollars and fifty cents per annum.

SEC. 2. Dues are payable monthly, semi-annually, or annually, as the brother may desire.

ARTICLE XII.

PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. Any member disclosing, or in any way making known the private transactions of this Lodge,

except to a Brother Master Mason, or shall so far forget the dignity of his station and his moral duties as a Mason as to disturb the harmony and good order of the Lodge, or be guilty of any criminal or unmasonic conduct whatever, after due trial, and upon conviction thereof before the Lodge, shall be liable to reprimand or suspension, as a majority of the brethren may determine.

SEC. 2. When any brother is summoned before the Lodge upon a charge of unmasonic conduct, no brother shall be permitted to make any remarks upon the character or standing of the accused, unless he is called as a witness, neither shall any brother make any remarks upon the evidence which may have a tendency to palliate or exaggerate the offence previous to the closing of the case, provided that suitable persons may be appointed equally by the W. M. and the accused, whose province it is to act as councillors and advocates for the Lodge and the party for whom they are selected.

ARTICLE XIII.

SEC. 1. Every candidate on initiation, and every brother on joining must sign the By-laws as a declaration of submission thereto, and thereupon he shall be presented with a copy, and also a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Any further copies of

the By-laws required shall be paid for at the rate of 25 cents for each such copy.

ARTICLE XIV.

EXPENSES.

SEC. 1. No expenses other than ordinary current ones shall be incurred, unless one month's notice of motion shall have been made at a regular meeting, nor shall any account be paid unless sanctioned by the Lodge and signed by the W. M. and Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

CONTINGENCIES.

SEC. 1. Should any contingency arise not provided for in these By-laws, the Lodge shall be guided in its action by Ancient Masonic usage, and in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

ARTICLE XVI.

SEC. 1. No alterations shall be made in these By-laws unless by a notice of motion in writing at a regular meeting, when the proposed amendments shall be duly entered on the minutes and inserted in the summonses for the next regular meeting, when the proposed alterations shall come on for discussion, and in resolutions regularly moved and seconded,

being passed in favor thereof by two-thirds of the members present, it shall, as soon as it receives the sanction of the Grand Master, become law.

Adopted in open Lodge, 3rd November, 1886.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, *W. M.* M. D. DAWSON, *Secretary.*

Approved and confirmed.

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Grand Master.

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IN MEMORIAM.

[While preparing the matter for this book, M. W. Bro. James Moffat, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, the subject of this sketch, was called to the Grand Lodge above, full of years, and, as he was a life-long member of this Lodge, it was thought only proper to publish a memoriam page to perpetuate his memory.]

Lt.-Col. Moffat was born in Lanark, Scotland, in 1819, coming to New York in 1841. In 1845 he came to London, and from that date to the 18th September, 1894, the date of his death, was fully identified with the growth and progress of London. He was one of the first Aldermen of the City, and in 1860 was selected as its Mayor, and had the honor of presenting the civic address to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on his visit to Canada. He took a prominent part in educational affairs, and was one of the first men who took a leading interest in our volunteer system. In 1856 he raised No. 2 Highland Rifles, which was one of the companies that formed the 7th Battalion at its organization. In 1861 he was appointed Musketry Inspector, 9th Military District, Upper Canada. In 1862 he was gazetted Brigade Major, and in 1872, Lieutenant-Colonel, and was one of the most popular and efficient officers District No. 1 ever had.

From early years he took a very prominent position in Canada as a Mason. He was connected with the fraternity for fifty three years, and filled all positions in the Order, up to that of Grand Master, with marked ability. He affiliated with this Lodge in its early days as 209, and was one of the delegates to the convention from which the Grand Lodge of Canada sprung. He was a most loyal Mason, and continued with the Lodge of his adoption, 209, 14 and 20, of which he was an honorary member, to the day of his death. He did much towards allaying the strife of former years, and finally succeeding in inducing the seceding Masons to accept a Charter under the Grand Lodge of Canada, numbered 209[a]. In Capitular Masonry he became first Principal, and was eminent Commander of Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, and Grand Register of the Grand Conclave, and also Grand Vice-Chancellor. He was also Most Puissant Sovereign of the Constantine Order of England, and was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He was twice married and had eight children, six of whom survive him. He died at the ripe age of seventy-five years.

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